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At Auschwitz Ceremony, The Agonies of the Past Still Torment the Living

By Rick Atkinson

OSWIECIM, Poland — The children of Auschwitz marched back into the kingdom of death again Thursday, shuffling through the iron gates and down the muddy track that led to the gas chambers and the ovens.

This time, however, they came not as victims but as survivors and as mourners, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation by Soviet soldiers of the most notorious Nazi extermination

"God of forgiveness, do not forgive those murderers of Jewish children here," said Elie Wiesel, a Nobel prize winner and an Auschwitz survivor, as he prayed next to the rubble of Crematoria II. "Remember the nocturnal processions of children and more children and more children, frightened, quiet, so quiet and so beautiful. If we could simply look at one, our hearts would break

Heartbreaking it was, as more than 1,500 people — including several survivors like Mr. Wiesel — followed the now-rusty rail spur that brought more than 1.1 million people to their deaths. "Auschwitz is the largest cemetery in

the world, one without gravestones," said Maurice Goldstein, a Belgian surgeon and camp survivor who heads the International Auschwitz Association. "Only the ashes of countless souls were strewn here."

But the ceremony on Thursday was nearly overshadowed by an ugly dispute between Jewish groups and Polish officials over how to properly honor the dead. The World Jewish Congress, among others, has accused the Polish government of insensitivity and bungling

Jewish leaders, noting that 90 percent of the victims at Auschwitz were Jews, felt particularly aggrieved that the cere-monies scheduled for Friday had excluded Kaddish, Judaism's traditional prayer for the dead.

Consequently, Thursday's procession was planned as a defrant rebuke of Poland's president, Lech Walesa; the memorial service ended with Kaddish and the haunting wail of a cantor crying out the names of the Nazi death camps.

Andrezej Zakrzewski, a top Walesa aide, called the separate ceremony on Thursday "astonishing" and suggested, without elaborating, that "personal ambition may be playing a part here." Other Polish officials acknowledge that, during the decades of Communist rule, Jewish suffering at Auschwitz was given short shrift in an attempt to emphasize that 75,000 Poles died here. But they say that historical skew is being redressed by new, honest scholarship.

The dispute illustrates how half a century has failed to assuage the anguish of Auschwitz or to resolve the stewardship of its legacy. And the centuries-old fric-tion between Jews and Poles was on view Thursday afternoon as a scuffle broke out within a stone's throw of an Auschwitz watchtower once manned by SS

A group led by Avi Weiss, a militant rabbi from New York, traded insults and shoves with several Poles outside a Carmelite nunnery, which many Jews feel is an offensive effort to impose a Christian gloss on what is fundamentally a Jewish shrine. Pointing to a huge wooden cross See CAMP, Page 4

in planning the two-day commemor

A woman weeping Thursday at the remains of the gas chambers at Auschwitz, where more than 1 million were killed.

Voters Like Clinton Talk, but They Doubt It Will Wash

By Isabel Wilkerson

New York Times Service RIVER GROVE, Illinois — Frank Faruggia's family and a half-dozen friends, frequent guests in a household that always seems to be bustling with them, sat watching the State of the Union message on a elevision set in the Faruggias' kitchen on Tuesday night.

As President Bill Clinton spoke of coming "to this hallowed chamber two years ago on a mission," admitted that he had made some mistakes since then but told, too, of the lower unemployment and inflation the country had experienced since he took office, Mr. Faruggia just stroked his

As the president declared that he was reform or less bureaucracy? they asked — proud to say tonight that our country is they doubted that Mr. Clinton or even the "proud to say tonight that our country is stronger that it was two years ago," Mr. Faruggia's friend John Valentino, a plant engineer, lighted another Mariboro.

As the president resurrected his "new covenant" and spoke of plans to ease the financial burdens of the middle class, Mr. Faruggia looked over at Mr. Valentino and the two of them laughed.

"New Deal, New Society, New Contract, New Covenant," Mr. Faruggia said.

Same dragon, different head." It was as if they had heard all this before, they said. And although they could not find much to disagree with in the president's speech - who is against welfare new Congress would do much of anything. Mr. Faruggia, 40, a part-time police of icer who owns a hot-dog stand and repairs cars on the side, said the speech was "like a

"It'll float two or three weeks, and then it'll go down the tubes," he said.

Skepticism runs deep in this workingclass Chicago suburb of 10,000 people, where a few elections ago most people would tell you they were Democrats, but where last November most people went Republican.

This used to be Dan Rostenkowski territory. But in November, the former chair-

mittee lost by 66 percent to 34 percent here to Michael Flanagan, an unsupployed law-yer who had never held elective office but who was Republican in a Republican year.

This used to be Clinton country as well. But since the president's election, Loretta Page, Democratic precinct captain, has become Loretta Page, Republican precinct

"I was a Bill Clinton fan," said Mrs. Page, who watched the address in her home, not far from the Faruggias'. "I voted for him because he made you

feel good, and it helps he's good-looking, See VOTERS, Page 4

be held as early as July. Book Review Page 7.

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Could Be Held in July

ROME - The Algerian foreign

minister, Salah Dembri, said Thurs-

day that presidential elections prom-

ment before the end of this year could

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Algerian Says Vote

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Rocket Explosion Grounds TV Networks' Asia Dreams

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - A Chinese rocket carrying a telecommunications satellite exploded shortly after takeoff Thursday, thwarting plans by many of the biggest names in cable television to compete headto-head across Asia with Rupert Mur-doch's STAR TV network.

The launch failure sparked a hectic search by rival international broadcasting groups for backup ways to penetrate the vast market, where two-thirds of the world's potential television viewers live. At the same time, analysts said the loss

of the Long March 2E rocket and its Apstar-2 satellite payload in Sichuan Province considerably raised stakes in the global commercial space race, reopening opportunities for rival launch programs in Russia. Europe and the United States and

inflating insurance premiums for all. The crash was China's third recent launch fail-

Among the networks that must now rethink their pan-Asian strategies are NBC, Turner Broadcasting System, the sports channel ESPN, the Disney Channel and Reuters Television. Among the dozens of broadcast groups now in the Asian market, only STAR TV

operates from a single satellite that can beam right across Asia. It broadcasts a full range of programming into 53 countries. This underscores what a risky business

we're all in," a spokeswoman for the broadcaster said. "It could have happened to us; we're not gloating."

But analysts reckoned STAR TV had good reason to do so, given the blow a See ROCKET, Page 4

Murder Trial of Fallen President Heralds 'Rule of Law' in Malawi

By Bill Keller New York Times Service

BLANTYRE, Malawi - During three decades of eccentric, regal despotism, Life President Hastings Kamuzu Banda usually had a red carpet unfurled before him when be ventured out into his realm.

So there was a ghoulish curiosity in the crowd that gathered outside the High-Court of Malawi the other day, hoping to see the fallen ruler and his confederates endure that humbling ritual of accused celebrities, the perp walk.

"Kamuzu, you have killed our sons!" some chanted, and a few yelled for blood.

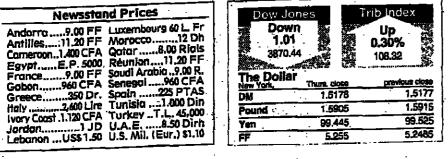
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But most stood quietly, eager to see if this man who once held them in thrall would look any different now that he had been cut to mortal size.

Eight months after he conceded defeat in an election that was forced upon him. Mr. Banda has been charged with ordering the murder of four top officials of his own government. The men were rounded up by the police and clubbed to death with hammers and crowbars.

The 12-year-old crime, its grisly details itemized in 1,000 pages of testimony, has absorbed this little sliver of southeast Afri-

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HEADING FOR DRY GROUND — A woman and her dogs being evacuated Thursday in Godinne as rivers overflowed their banks in southern Belgium. Wide swaths of Europe were hard-hit by severe storms. Page 2.

French Star's 'Stain' on English Soccer

By lan Thomsen nal Herald Tribute

LONDON — The future of soccer's most passionate and distressing star is in doubt after the English Football Association charged Eric Cantona, the Frenchman forward who plays for Manchester United, with "misconduct bringing the game into disrepute" for attacking a spectator during a Premier League match.

Cantona was given 14 days to explain his flying two-footed kick, which set off a fistfight with the spectator Wednesday night at Selhurst Park during United's 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace. It was thought to be the first time that a player in English professional soccer had attacked a specta-

on our game," the FA's chief executive, Graham Kelly, said at a packed news con-ference Thursday. "If any offense is proved, the player concerned is bound to face a severe punishment."

English newspapers were speculating that Cantona faces anything from suspension for the rest of this season to a lifetime ban from English soccer.

He also may face criminal assault charges. Scotland Yard, which polices the London area, said it was continuing its investigation and would interview a large number of spectators about Cantona and his teammate, Paul Ince, who allegedly also threw a punch after being doused with ten and racial abuse as officials and team-What happened last night was a stain mates were pulling Cantona away.

The French Football Federation's president, Claude Simonet, who has feuded with the rebellious Cantona, said the 28year-old forward probably would be stripped of his captaincy of the French national team at the very least. As host of the 1998 World Cup, France had been trying to build a contender around Cantona, who has scored 20 goals in 45 games

He has led his club teams, Leeds United in 1992 and then Manchester United, to the last three English championships.

"Unfortunately, I think Eric Cantona will have to be taken off the French team." Simonet told Reuters Television. "I'm say-

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EU's Leader **Argues for** Innovation, Not Quotas

Santer Rejects Policy Of Protectionism as 'Something Artificial'

By Tom Buerkle

al Herald Tribune BRUSSELS—Jacques Santer promised Thursday that as president of the European Union's executive commission he would push for a Europe that is open economically and culturally, saying in an interview that innovation rather than protective held the house Europe that innovation rather than protective held the house Europe than the former of the protection of the control of the contro tection held the key to Europe's future.

"You don't help your enterprise with a policy of protection," Mr. Santer said. "A quota is always something artificial that can only last for a certain period of time."

In a 90-minute interview, his first since replacing Jacques Delors on Monday as president of the European Commission, Mr. Santer also sketched out a pragmatic, consensual approach toward bridging the gap between German backers of deeper EU integration and skeptics in Britain and France, as well as the gap between EU leaders and their citizens.

A governmental conference next year on reforming EU institutions should seek evolutionary improvements in cooperation on foreign policy, immigration and judicial affairs, he said, building on the 1992 Maastricht Treaty on European Union rather than dramatically overhauling it.

"I don't attach importance to great speeches or philosophy," he said. "If we want to bring Europe closer to the citizens. we must give an answer" to the problems of unemployment, instability on Europe's doorstep, and increasing crime and illegal immigration at home.

The Union also should work to end Britain's exemption from EU social legislation, Mr. Santer said, but he did not envisage any sanctions against London as one European think tank suggested this

"In a Union of 15 now, you must take into account the sensibilities of everyone," he said, "You can't build Europe against

Mr. Santer also made these points:

• He called Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France "a man of good sense" who would not weaken France's allegiance the Union if he wins the presider spring. Mr. Balladur created a stir in November by calling for cooperation among different circles of EU states on areas like defense and Mediterranean security, but his declared support this week for a single EU currency at the early target date of 1997 showed he was "very committed to European policy," Mr. Santer said.

 He argued against any relaxation of the Maastricht Treaty's tough inflation and deficit criteria in order to achieve monetary union in 1997, saying they were essential to winning the German public over to a single currency. "The single currency must be as strong as the Deutsche mark." he said.

 Although acknowledging that Europe is most likely to maintain television quotas for some time, he indicated a strong preference for incentives over import restrictions

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Bonn Launches Work Plan for Chronic Jobless

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — In a sign that fighting unemployment will be one of its economic priorities this year, the German government announced on Thursday a fouryear program to help long-term jobless

The move was seen as a first step toward rebuilding the famed German social consensus that has been stretched thin by several years of increasingly bitter disputes between labor and management over wages, benefits and working hours. It followed the first of several meetings bringing together leaders from German government, labor and industry to discuss employment.

The talks are being watched closely throughout Europe, where workers, employers and governments are searching desperately for new ways to fight unemployment. Some outside Germany think the labor talks could generate ideas suitable for use in other European countries, where, like Germany, even the economic recovery is not likely to greatly reduce unemployment.

For example, German union leaders last week agreed to accept a cut in wages corresponding with a reduction in the number of hours worked if companies would hire more workers. Previously, union leaders had argued that letting employees work fewer hours would create new jobs, but they were generally unwilling to take a pay

The reduction in the number of working hours is the only reasonable answer to unemployment in the next few years," Sergio Cofferati, the Italian union leader, was quoted as saying in the daily La Repubb-

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Yelstin Says Rocket Prompted Hot-Line Alert

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin said Thursday that he had used his hot-line link to his generals when Norway fired a scientific missile that

set off a major security alert in Russia. Mr. Yeltsin also praised the army and the Interfax news agency for their handling of the incident, which caused widespread alarm Wednesday.

His comments revived speculation about the incident, which was rapidly being dismissed as a misunderstanding between a journalist for Interfax and his source in the Russian military.

In comments Thursday to Interfax, Mr. Yeltsin also suggested that Norway and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization partners might have been try-

ing to test Russia's military readiness. black' suitcase with the button, which is always

carried with me," Mr. Yeltsin said.
"I linked up instantly with the minister of defense, with all those military leader-generals whom I need, and we tracked the path of this rocket from begin-

ning to end," he added.

Mr. Yeltsin did not challenge Norway's explanation that the missile, which came down near a group of islands in the Arctic Ocean that belong to Norway, was a research rocket financed by the U.S.

space agency.
But his claim that the incident touched off a major defense alert in Moscow was certain to provoke questions in the West about the Russian military's crisis procedures and the level of advice being offered to Mr. Yeltsin.

Interfax initially reported that Russian Air Defense troops had shot down a missile launched from northern Europe, causing consternation among governments and the military around the world.
Interfax later acknowledged that its report was

wrong, blaming the mistake on false information from a high-ranking military source.

The "missile" turned out to be a rocket launched to study the Northern Lights. The Norwegians launched it within their own territory, after inform-

ing the Russian government.

Norway said Thursday that it had asked its embassy in Moscow to find out why Russia apparently did not know the rocket was going to be launched. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ingvard Havnen, said Oslo followed normal procedure in informing foreign embassies, including Russia's, about the launching of a rocket.

It was not clear whether Mr. Yeltsin's communi-

cations suitcase was also the portable nuclear command system that can unleash Russia's atomic forces. The U.S. president has a similar portable

Mr. Yeltsin made his comments at the start of a one-day trip to Lipetsk, south of Moscow, to a senior journalist from Interfax.

Apparently referring to Norway. Mr. Yeltsin said: They, of course, did not expect us to spot it because the rocket was not so big, but we spotted it straight away and determined the place where it came down

- a good enough distance from our shores." Asked what the aim of the launching might have been, he said, "Somebody perhaps decided to test us because the media is saying all the time that our army is weak."

"We knew in a minute where the rocket flew from, where and at what speed it headed and where it would land or splash down," Mr. Yeltsin said, adding that the armed forces had to be thanked for their

Diplomats said the president's comments were all the more puzzling because they ran counter to re-marks on Wednesday by Russia's new ambassador to Oslo, Yuri Fokin, who said the incident "was nothing but a misunderstanding." (Reuters, AP)

Grachev Assailed by General for Invasion

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Peot Service
MOSCOW — A three-star Russian Army general who quit rather than lead troops into Chechnya said Thursday that Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev had lacked the courage to tell President Boris N. Yeltsin that his troops were woefully

unprepared for the invasion. The officer, Colonel General Eduard Vorobyov, who declined to command the operation in the southern breakaway region unless given more time, said troops were rushed into combat in bad weather and insufficient numbers, with poor intelligence and little training

or preparation. The military has decided not to prosecute General Vorobyov, 56, for mutiny, but he said at a news conference and in a television interview that be was being transferred to the re-

General Vorobyov said General Grachev "should have had the courage to tell the president he needed a certain time to prepare the operation to minimize casualties.

In Chechnya on Thursday. ing about 40 fighters from each Cross has complained that Russia has not allowed access to any prisoners or reported how many it holds.

Despite Mr. Yeltsin's repeated claims that the military stage of the operation is complete, Russian artillery again subjected the Chechen capital of Grozny to intense shelling.

Shells landed in the southern residential outskirts of the city every three to four seconds on Thursday morning. Among the structures hit was an apartment building where 37 mothers of captured Russian soldiers had been living.

Russian pilots, despite talk in Moscow of moving from fighting to economic reconstruction. continued to target railroad and highway bridges in Chechnya. Refugees streamed out of Groz-

ny.

The official Russian press service reported continued fighting not only in Grozny but also in four other Chechen communities. It also said Chechens "took hold of strategic points controlling approaches to tunnels, bridges and other communications in the mountainous part of Chechnya."
General Vorobyov is one of

"six or seven" generals who refused to take part or follow or-ders during the Chechen cam-

paign, General Grachev said. On Thursday, the newspaper Izvestia identified two others. who allegedly held their troops back while others were pushing into Grozny during the disastrous New Year's Eve assault.

■ Rebels May Hit Moscow A senior Chechen official on

Thursday ruled out strikes by rebels against oil pipelines but said they might bring their struggle to Moscow, Reuters reported from Washington. Shamsettin Yusuf, foreign

minister in the government of the Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, said of the next phase of the war: "I think we burn vision quotas could put him in Moscow. We have people who an early confrontation with can do that." He did not elabo-

Mr. Yusuf was in Washing- Union's rotating presidency, ton to try to build political sup- wants the commission to make port for the Chechen struggle. a legislative proposal in coming

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Lieutenant General Rupert Smith, second from right, arriving at the Sarajevo airport on Thursday. He was welcomed by General Hervé Gobilliard, right, and Viktor Andreev, second from left, a UN civil affairs official in the Bosnian capital.

New UN Commander Takes Over in Bosnia

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina ~ The new British commander of United Chechen and Russian forces ac- Nations' peacekeeping forces in Bosnia complished their first large- arrived in the capital on Thursday with scale prisoner exchange, releas- cool words for his predecessor and no peace for his 24,000 troops to keep.

> tenant General Rupert Smith, strode from United Nations' Ilyushin aircraft. Before him stood the ruins of the Dobrinja district of Sarajevo, testimony to the

> devastation of Bosnia's long war. Behind him stood Mount Igman, long contested because the small track that snakes up along it is the one road out of the city controlled by the Muslim-led govern-

Asked about his predecessor, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, whose one-year assignment was marked by tensions with

Nurse Is Given

Warning Over

Appendectomy

Agence France-Presse

nurse threatened with dis-

missal for having per-

formed surgery on a patient was instead given a written

warning after a disciplinary

hearing, it was announced

The Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust said it found that Valerie Tomlin-

son, 53, had carried out

three elements of the Dec.

19 appendectomy for

which she had no formal

The patient was said to

be satisfied with the results

of the surgery and does not intend to file a complaint.

to help the EU film and TV

programming industry. "We have to do something to promote our own production," he said. "That will be the main item."

Mr. Santer's position on tele-

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LONDON - A hospital

the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Bosnian government, General Smith said: "'Good luck' were his parting words. He told me what he'd done and why he'd been doing it, and that is where we left

A change in style seems inevitable under General Smith, a 51-year-old officer who tablished close links with American forces during the Gulf War, where he com-manded the British Army's First Armored Division.

ing that he flew to Sarajevo in the discomfort of a Russian-made llyushin transport. On Thursday, Sarajevo was in turn quiet, as it has been since a four-month cease-

Oujet-spoken, General Smith is expected to keep a lower profile than the mercurial General Rose, General Smith is known as a soldier's soldier, and it appeared telltruce might turn into something more last-ing appears remote. As General Smith arrived, American, British and French offi-

cials were pursuing what have so far been the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government to the negotiating table.

The officials, members of the "contact group," which also includes Germany and Russia, want the Serbs to accept a map obliging them to give up a third of the land they hold as a prelude to entering talks in which that map could be changed.

The map, presented last July and rejected by the Serbs, offers 51 percent of Bosnia to a Muslim-Croat federation and 49 perfire agreement was signed at the beginning cent to the Serbs, who now hold 70 per-

Herri Batasuna, which many

terrorists, did not comment of-

ficially on the killing and its

representatives were not among

the city councilors who led a

procession of citizens along the

two-kilometer route from the

town hall to the church where

the funeral was held. But its

spokeswoman in San Sebastián,

Begoña Garmendía, said she

deeply regretted the killing "in

my personal capacity and as a

militant in HB.'

ment and peace in this country." But the possibility that the four-month

fruitless talks whose modest aim is to get

Wide Areas Of Europe Battered By Storms

LONDON — At least 23 people have died as blizzards and record rain swept northern Europe. Six of the victims were teenagers killed when winds toppled a crane onto a French

Huge areas of Germany, France and the Netherlands were under water on Thursday, and snowstorms paralyzed northern England. Weather forecasters said more rain and snow was on the way, threatening further chaos and possible

crop damage. Rainfall in western France has been the heaviest in 150 years, and 12 people have died there in flood-related accidents.

A police officer said the victims of the crane accident at a private school in the center of Toul in eastern France were believed to be between 16 and 18. Two others were seriously in-

A shopkeeper said a huge gust of wind blew the crane

The police recovered the bodies of two men and a woman from a car swept into the harbor at the Breton port of Concarneau on Thursday. They had been reported missing over the weekend, when three others died in flood-related accidents in the region.

Several towns faced their sixth day of flooding and evacuated residents have been unable to return home.

In Paris, the Seine was 3.95 meters (14.5 feet) above normal, blocking riverside expressways and forcing the cancellation of sightseeing cruises because of dangerous currents.

Four people died in fierce snowstorms in northern England, apparently from heart attacks or hypothermia.

A man collapsed and died in the snow walking to his house in Leeds on Wednesday night, and another after abandoning his car near the city as 14 inches (35 centimeters) of snow fell overnight.
Thousands of motorists were

trapped on roads blocked by heavy snow. "The snow has brought absolute chaos everywhere," a police spokesman General Smith said his main aim was to build on that accord to "arrive at a settle-

In northern Belgium, a 45-year-old man died in Aalst. northwest of Brussels, when a pigeon loft where he was working collapsed in a violent gust of

Rivers burst their banks in roads and houses.

In Germany, rivers swollen by downpours and melting snow inundated many towns, washing one 81-year-old man to his death in Bad Kreuznach in

West Germany.
The city of Cologne was bracing for high water to surge up the Rhine and over city flood barriers if the river and its tributary, the Moselle, peak simultaneously on Friday.

GERMANY: Job Program

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lica, which devoted half a page to the subject on Tuesday. Jean-Yves Chamard, vice president of the social affairs committee in the French National Assembly, meanwhile, told Agence France-Presse that shortening the work week would be a prominent theme in the country's coming presiden-tial elections. "Employment is one of the major worries of our people and the development of working hours solutions is one of the responses," he said.

She said Mr. Ordonez was The German jobs program probably the most determined announced Thursday replaced opponent of "anything nationalist or progressive" in the city government. "As a political foe," she said. "he should have a similar subsidy program that expired last year. Under the previous program, the government paid up to 80 percent of been combated with political the wages when a company hired someone who had been unemployed for more than three years. Benefits started at 60 percent after one year of unmployment.

"We fought against all the Friedrich Bohl, chief of staff, said the jobs program would help put 180,000 to 200,000 mentality that we have to break people back to work with subsiown." dies of 3 billion Deutsche marks
Mr. Santer said he regretted (\$1.99 billion) over the next four years.

"Everyone agreed that economic recovery must include the unemployed," said Dieter Mr. Santer said his European ple who have been pushed to convictions were identical to the fringe of the labor market

He made the announcement economic forecast for the year "Federalism is the opposite on Friday. The report, copies of of centralism," he said. "You which circulated Thursday in can harmonize economic rules Bonn, predicts an average de-

WORLD BRIEFS

Clinton Warns of Dire Consequences If Mexico Aid Plan Is Turned Down

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - Faced with increasing congressional skepticism over a bailout plan for Mexico.

President Bill Clinton expressed confidence Thursday that the package, which includes \$40 billion in loan guarantees, would win

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Mr. Clinton said in a speech broadcast to corporate and government leaders in Davos, Switzerland, that "failure to act could have grave consequences for Mexico, for Latin America, for the entire developing world."

In Washington, several senators expressed strong reservations about the plan. Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Democrat of South Carolina, described it as "a billionaires' bailout," saying that it was designed to help rich investors and not the average Mexican worker. And Senator J. James Exon, a Nebraska Democrat, told the Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, that the plan was "collapsing in dramatic fashion" because of such concerns.

Although support for Mexico has run into trouble on Capitol

Hill, the country was on the verge of getting support from the International Monetary Fund. An IMF official said there would be an announcement that the agency had reached an agreement with Mexico that will provide loans to help the country through its financial crisis. Under IMF rules, Mexico could borrow up to \$2.5 billion under a one-year support package and more if the support were extended beyond a year.

France Wary of Quebec's Appeals

PARIS (Reuters) — The premier of Quebec, Jacques Parizeau, won a French pledge on Thursday to boost relations, but the French government remained cautious on his request to recognize the province as a country if it chose independence.

Throughout his visit, Mr. Parizeau has appealed to the French

to recognize Quebec's sovereignty if it votes for independence in a referendum planned later this year. He reserved his strongest appeal for Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who is the favorite

appeal for Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who is the favorite to win the presidential election in the spring.

Mr. Balladur replied, "We must keep a privileged relationship with Quebec whatever happens." But he added that interfering in Quebec's political affairs would be doing it a disservice. Mr. Parizeau won more explicit support from Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris and Mr. Balladur's Gaullist presidential rival. Mr. Chirac said that France should recognize the province as a country if it voted for sovereignty.

Jordan and PLO Strengthen Links

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters) - The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, signed an accord Thurs day with Prime Minister Zeid ibn Shaker of Jordan to guide future Palestinian-Jordanian cooperation. The agreement concluded more than a year of tense negotiations.

The seven sections of the accord cover economic, cultural and political cooperation. A preamble was designed to end a debate over custody of Islamic shrines in Arab East Jerusalem. Jordan is expected to open an office in Gaza.

Marshal Shaker and Mr. Arafat, who had not visited Amman since May, signed the General Agreement for Cooperation and Coordination before ministers signed individual sections of it.

More Moves Toward Peace in Ulster

LONDON (WP) - The Northern Ireland peace process speeded up Thursday with high-level negotiations between the governments of Ireland and Britain and the announcement of a further

reduction of British Army patrols in the province.

Officials say they now believe that a meeting can be held next month between Prime Minister John Major of Britain and the new prime minister of Ireland, John Bruton, to put the finishing touches on a proposed framework for the future governance of Northern Ireland. Any proposal will be submitted for debate and referendum in Northern Ireland. That "framework document" was discussed Thursday in a meeting between Ireland's foreign: minister, Dick Spring, and Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick Mayhew.

British military authorities in Northern Ireland announced Thursday that the heavily armed units that have patrolled the province for 25 years would be withdrawn during the daytime in some rural areas, leaving the police to maintain order.

.K. Dismisses Report on Lockerbie

LONDON (AFP) — Britain joined the United States on Thursday in saying that it remained convinced that Libya alone was behind the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

Prime Minister John Major, in a written reply to a House of Commons question on the attack, dismissed claims that an Iranian ayatollah had paid terrorist groups \$10 million to carry out that and other attacks. The claims were contained in a U.S. intelligence document released recently under the Freedom of Information
Act and reported this week by the Scottish Daily Record. The
State Department in Washington said earlier Thursday that it was

still certain Libyan agents were responsible for the bombing. Available evidence still supports British and U.S. indictments against two Libyans in the bombing, Mr. Major said, adding, "There is no evidence to establish that other persons or nations

Unicef Head Resigns After 15 Years

PARIS (Reuters) — The executive director of Unicef, James P. Grant, has resigned because of illness after 15 years as head of the agency, the organization said Thursday.

Unice's Paris office said in a statement that Mr. Grant, an American born in China in 1922, gave a letter of resignation

Thursday to the United Nations' secretary-general, Butros Butros Mr. Grant had served three five-year terms, and Mr. Butros

Ghali had recently asked him to stay on an extra year. Mr. Grant's deputy, Richard Jolly, will take over until a successor is chosen. Sierra Leone Mobilizes All Troops

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (Reuters) — Sierra Leone's military government ordered the mobilization of all available policemen and troops Thursday for the fight against rebel forces, which are gaining on the capital. The Defense Ministry also said that seven foreign nuns, who

had been reported missing earlier in the day after a rebel raid on the northern town of Kambia, had turned up safe. There was still no word on seven other foreigners kidnapped Friday in rebel attacks on mines in the southeast.

Cambodia Holds 11 in Tourist Death PHNOM PENH (AP) - Eleven Cambodians have been arrest-

ed in connection with the Jan. 15 murder of an American woman and her tour guide in the Angkor temple complex.

An official said eight men and three women were detained in onnection with the deaths of Susan G. Hadden, a university professor from Austin, Texas, and her Cambodian guide Her husband, William J. Hadden Jr., was injured in the attack.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Anti-Nuclear Protest Halts Trains

HANNOVER, Germany (Reuters) - Presumed anti-nuclear protesters disrupted rail traffic in northern Germany on Thursday by throwing grappling hooks over power lines in apparent protest against nuclear waste shipments, the police said.

A passenger train on the Hannover-Hamburg line was brought

to a halt after being damaged by the hook, which then snagged on mail train and brought down about 200 meters (218 yards) of

times over the last few months in an attempt to stop the first nuclear waste shipment to an intermediate storage depot at Gorleben, 120 kilometers (75 miles) from Hannover.

Nine people were injured when fire broke out early Thursday in

Outrage Over a Murder in Spain point-blank range on Monday in a bar in the city center. It was the third such killing in two third such killing in two By Barry James International Herald Tribune The murder of a popular opsee as a political cloak for the

weeks for tighter TV quotas and his native country has adopted

increased aid to the industry. as a matter of necessity.

position politician by the Basque separatist organization ETA has touched off a wave of revulsion in Spain and even drawn a rare disclaimer of violence by a spokeswoman for the extremist Basque nationalist party, Herri Batasuna.

Thousands of citizens marched in silence through the streets of San Sebastian for the funeral Tuesday night of Gregorio Ordóñez, a rising member of the Popular Party, which re-cently nominated him as its candidate for mayor of the resort city. He was a deputy in the regional Basque assembly and his party's spokesman for the

Mr. Ordóñez was shot at

But aides to Mr. Santer said he

was unlikely to endorse any

compromise before a Group of

Seven meeting on the informa-tion superhighway in Brussels

on Feb. 25 and 26, to avoid a

That policy challenge is fit-

clash on culture with U.S. offi-

ting, for throughout the interview, Mr. Santer made clear

that the biggest change he

brings to the job is one of cul-

ture. While Mr. Delors was crit-

icized for seeking to impose central planning at the Europe-

an level, Mr. Santer professes

the more liberal approach that

cials there.

years under virtually identical circumstances in a three-block area of the old town, which is the only part of the city controlled by the nationalist party. In all the shootings, the killer

or killers escaped on foot through the narrow streets. According to Interior Ministry sources, ETA has come un-

der the control of a group of young radical terrorists determined to step up a campaign of violence. In a joint operation in November, Spanish and French police captured documents that indicated ETA was planning to target military and Civil Guard officers, Basque police and industrialists in the region.

Mr. Ordoñez did not have a

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Luxembourg, we must be open to everybody," he said. "Otherwise, we won't succeed." Mr. Santer, who studied law

had always encouraged students to attend foreign universities. "That's what opens hori-

in Paris and Strasbourg, said he

He also recounted how in his role as culture minister as well as prime minister he had to beat back French, German and Belgian attempts to stifle Luxem-bourg's booming satellite

broadcasting industry.

state monopolies," he said.
"That's a little bit the European "A small country like ours,

the long wait before taking office but was unaffected by the criticisms that followed his selection in July as a replacement for Jean-Luc Dehaene of Bel- Schulte, head of the Federation gium, who was vetoed by Prime of German Unions. "We must Minister John Major of Britain do everything to reduce unemployment and ensure that peoployment and ensure that peo-

those of Mr. Dehaene and are given the prospect of a job." Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, but that they did not even as the German govern-represent a threat to British ment prepared to publish its identity.

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so the market economy can cline in German unemployment function, but what you cannot by 300,000, to 3,4 million, during the course of the year,

Protesters have attacked rail lines and disrupted services several

The U.S. State Department has renewed its warning to its nationals to avoid travel to Algeria, saying security risks are on the

a Stockholm underground rail station, the police said. (Reiters)

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Prosecutors Seek to Bar Simpson's Witnesses

By David Margolick

New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson case asked Judge Lance A. Ito on Thursday to delay the trial and to reopen their opening statement because, they said, lawyers for Mr. Simpson had im-properly withheld evidence until the defense gave its own opening statement

Because of such "egregious issues of misconduct," prosecutors said, some proposed defense evidence should either be limited or barred from the trial.

The defense's opening, delivered by Mr. Simpson's chief tri-al counsel, Johnnie L. Cochran, remained incomplete Thursday both because of the prosecution's request and because one of the prosecutors, William W. Hodgman, was hospitalized Wednesday night for chest pains. Mr. Hodgman was stricken shortly after court adjourned and after heatedly assailing the defense's conduct.

The prosecution has accused the defense of omitting the names of several people that Mr. Cochran alluded to from lists of prospective witnesses, as they are required to do by law. In other instances, they say, Mr. Simpson's counsel did not hand over statements taken from others on that list.

Had they divulged the names, a deputy prosecutor in the case, Christopher A. Darden, told Judge Ito in Superior Court, the witnesses could have been discredited in advance.

"We could have informed counsel that some of these people are heroin addicts, thieves, felons, and one of these socalled material witnesses is the only person I have ever known to be a court-certified pathological liar." Mr. Darden said in a testy court hearing Thursday.

Mr. Cochran expressed sympathy for Mr. Hodgman, whose condition is stable and who is said to be resting comfortably, but quickly moved on to attack him and his colleagues. He charged that prosecutors, reeling from disclosures in his opening and chagrined that someone was finally standing up for Mr. Simpson, were "whimpering" because "they can't stand the truth" and needed time to regroup

"They went on this public relations media blitz to tar this man, and finally, after seven months, yesterday somebody spoke up for O.J. Simpson," he said. "All across the country, in the biways and highways, they heard what this is going to be. They can't take it. They have the temerity, the unmitigated gall to come in there and complain that they have somehow

been sabotaged."

Late Wednesday afternoon, after Mr. Cochran's opening had been suspended, Mr. Hodgman exploded, calling the defense's behavior "outrageous and unbelievable,"

Mr. Cochran's remarks made clear, Mr. Hodgman charged, that the defense had withheld statements taken from a variety of people, including a woman who said she saw four suspicious-looking men near Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium in Brentwood around the time that Mrs. Simpson and a friend, Ronald L. Goldman, were stabbed to death. Mr. Simpson is charged with the murders of his former wife and her friend.

Mr. Hodgman also charged defense lawyers with failing to turn over statements which, they surmised from Mr. Cochran's statement, they had taken from a variety of witnesses. They related to Mr. Simpson's afflictions — rheumatoid arthritis, dyslexia — as well as evidence of shoe prints, tire tracks and the cut on Mr. Simp-

"A Pandora's box of discovery issues has just-been cracked open this afternoon," Mr. Hodgman complained.

Away From Politics

• A man who allegedly threatened President

Bill Clinton's life was arrested in Ogden,

Utah, and a package believed to contain an

explosive device was confiscated. David

Shane Shelby, 29, was charged with threatening to kill Mr. Clinton and Vice President Al

Gore in separate letters mailed to each on

Dec. 7 from Bloomington, Indiana. (AP)

• An "America-First" policy that required teachers to instruct that American culture

and values are superior to all others has been

repealed by the newly elected school board in

• Foster children won't be placed in the homes

of known homosexuals, and gay people will be

denied foster home licenses under a new poli-

• Virginia Military Institute's plan to set up a

military-style program at a private women's

college rather than admit women has been

upheld by a U.S. appeals court in Richmond,

Tavares, Florida.

cy in Nebraska.



O.J. Simpson lifting a trouser leg to show the jury surgery scars on his left knee.

He Bares His Knee, but Not for TV

Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — It was a moment television viewers had hoped to see — O.J. Simpson on display as a living exhibit during opening

But no one outside Judge Lance A. Ito's courthe bared a knee to jurors. It was part of a defense presentation intended to show that the former football star's physical limitations would have made it impossible for him to have committed the murders of his former wife and her friend.

On orders from Judge Ito, the courtroom cam-Standing just inches away from the jury box, he to see the scar.

Clinton 'Cheap Shot' Draws Barbs

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's legal

defense fund has announced it will no longer accept

contributions from registered lobbyists, a step that

administration and fund officials have long resisted.

Clinton of being hypocritical when he called on

members of Congress in his State of the Union

speech Tuesday night to stop taking gifts from

jority Leader Bob Dole, a Kansas Republican,

called Mr. Clinton's challenge a "cheap shot," say-

ing, "When we have lobbyists contributing to the

president's legal defense fund. I think he'd be a little

A few hours later, Vice President Al Gore an-nounced that, in fact, Mr. Clinton planned to change

his own policy. He said Mr. Clinton was acting "in compliance with the principle that gifts from lobby-

The Presidential Legal Expense Trust, which

sources said has raised more than \$500,000, was set

up last June to help defray the Clintons' legal

expenses in the Whitewater investigation and the

careful about bringing that up."

ists should not be accepted."

In broadcast interviews Wednesday, Senate Ma-

The decision came after Republicans accused Mr.

bent down and lifted his left pant leg. Some jurors in the back row stood and craned for a look at his knee, which his lawyers say has been scarred by repeated surgeries for chronic rheumatoid arthritis.

Reporters nearest to the jury box said Mr. Simpson looked uncomfortable as his defense room witnessed Mr. Simpson on Wednesday as lawyer, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., described the

Mr. Cochran then asked Mr. Simpson to show the jurors a scar on his finger, which prosecutors contend he received in a struggle with victim Ronald Lyle Goldman, but which the defense maintains he suffered when he broke a glass in a era was trained on a wall as the demonstration Chicago hotel room. Mr. Simpson looked at the got under way. Mr. Simpson sighed, fose from wall behind the jurors, seemingly embarrassed, the defense table and crossed the courtroom. as he stood with outstretched hand for the jurors

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2 Star Democrats Shill a Snack

dent by a former Arkansas state employee, Paula

ALBANY, New York — Will Mario M. Cuomo, munching on a handful of Doritos, turn to Ann

Richards and say: "Mmmm. These are so good, I

think I'll eat them liberally"?

The script remains a secret, but politicians and advertising executives said that the former government of the secret in their

nors of New York and Texas, both losers in their

commercial for Frito-Lay's Doritos corn chips

In Texas and New York, rumors have circulated

bids for re-election last year, will appear together in

that will be broadcast during the Super Bowl on

for weeks that the Democrats, once considered the inspirational stars of their party, had been reduced

to hawking snacks. On Tuesday, sources said the

Ms. Richards of Texas were in California last week-

U.S. Mayors Raise Their Voices

rumor was true. Both Mr. Cuomo of New York and

WASHINGTON - About 240 mayors of Amer-

House Readies Assault on Arms Ban

By Katharine Q. Seelye

WASHINGTON - More than two dozen Democrats in the House are prepared to oppose President Bill Clinton and join a band of Republicans who are about to undertake an early effort to repeal the nationwide ban on assault weapons that was passed by Congress and signed into law last year.

Egged on by the National Rifle Association, rank-and-file members of both parties in the House want to include a repeal of the ban in anti-crime legislation that could be discussed in committee as early as Friday and could reach the House floor early next month.

The movement started to jell after Mr. Clinton forcefully defended the assault weapons ban in his State of the Union address Tuesday evening. "I will not let it be repealed," he said of the ban on 19 types of assault weapons.

People on both sides of the issue say the House almost certainly has the votes to repeal the ban and may have the votes to override an almost certain presidential

Senate.

House Republican leaders, however, would prefer to delay action on the divisive issue until after the first 100 days, which they have set aside to concentrate on their

so-called "Contract with America." The contract includes a reconsideration of last year's crime bill but omits mention of the ban because leaders are afraid the politically explosive issue could sink their efforts to overhaul last year's \$30 billion crime package.

Whether the repeal is proposed sooner as part of the new crime bill or later as a separate measure, however, leaders said it would be hard to stop.

"I think that is inevitable." House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Representative of Georgia, said Wednesday of the repeal attempt. "Obviously, the president was sending out a signal that if that bill gets to his desk, he will veto it." he added. "It is very unlikely that we would stop such a bill

from moving through the House."
Tanya K. Metaksa, chief lobbyist for the
National Rifle Association, said Wednesday that there were several members of the

veto. The outlook is far less clear in the Senate.

Judiciary Committee who "are talking about offering amendments" to the new

crime bill to repeal the ban. In addition, there are at least two dozen Democrats eager to push amendments to repeal the ban.

In a letter to Mr. Gingrich, 26 Democrats, led by Representative Bill Brewster of Oklahoma, warned that they intended "to use every parliamentary opportunity and procedure to repeal the ban" at the "first opportunity."

And the new crime bill presents just that opportunity.

Representative Henry J. Hyde, Republican of Illinois, who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee and who voted in favor of the ban last year, said the leadership wanted to keep the ban out of the new crime bill because it would transform the new crime bill "into a gun bill."

"The crime bill is headed for trouble anyway." said one Republican aide, adding that Mr. Clinton might veto it anyway because it cuts money for prevention programs that he favored. "If it has the gun ban in it. Clinton could win the public relations battle by calling it a gun bill."

House Begins Its Budget Balancing Act

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives has begun debating a constitutional amendment requiring a bal-anced federal budget, one of the most profound measures to come before Congress in years.

Set aside the claims and counterclaims about Democrats being profligate and Republicans wanting to destroy Social Security and bankrupt the states. Those are political

What is really at stake is a fundamental and ostensibly permanent change in the way the U.S. government works. Powerful arguments can be made for and against such a change. Here is an examination of three of the strongest arguments for such a constitutional amendment and the way opponents are rebutting them.

• As a matter of principle, the government should have to live within its means just as states and cities and families

Until relatively recently, this was the dominant view of U.S. fiscal policy. Except during wartime, large federal deficits
— the difference between what the government spends and what it receives in taxes and other revenues - were out of the question.

ment often cite this quotation for the next generation.

By David E. Rosenbaum from Harry Truman: "There is nothing sacred about the payas-you-go idea so far as I am concerned except that it repre-sents the soundest principle of

financing that I know." Most economists agree that the huge deficits the government began running in the 1980s are dangerous to the future. Charles L. Schultze of the **Brookings Institution compares** the deficits to termites gnawing at the foundation of a building.

But many who feel most strongly about the need to reduce the deficit do not favor requiring that revenues match expenditures every year. Benjamin M. Friedman of Harvard says, "There is nothing magic about a balanced budget.'

Ideally, they say, the budget would be in surplus in good times, and run manageable deficits when the economy was in

In fact, states and cities and families do not always balance their budgets. State and local governments issue bonds to finance projects like turnpikes or sewer systems. Families take out mortgages on their homes and loans to pay college tuition. No one considers that financially irresponsible.

And no one, opponents of the amendment say, should consider it wrong for the federal government to go into debt periodi-Proponents of the amend- cally to make the country better

the public officials "closest to the people" and to

insist that Mr. Clinton and the new Republican majority in Congress listen to their views on com-

bating crime and curbing costly federal require-

Participants in the annual meeting of the U.S.

Conference of Mayors said the pressures generated

by the Nov. 8 elections to reduce the size of the

federal government and transfer many of its powers

to states and cities should not become an excuse to

dump new problems on cities without giving them

this the largest of the 63 meetings that we've had to

date," said the conference president, Victor Ashe,

who is the mayor of Knoxville, Tennessee. "The

mayors are closest to the people," he said. "We're

dealing with problems that come to the front doors

Senator Fred Thompson, Republican of Tennes-see, who just began his first term in the job, at the

Washington Press Club's annual "Salute to Con-

ress" roast: "I've still got a lot to learn about

Washington. Why, yesterday I accidentally spent

"The changes in the political climate have made

the resources necessary for their solution.

ments on municipal budgets.

of city hall first."

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constitutional amendment, politicians will never take the steps necessary to reduce the deficit.

The problem is that the deficit cannot be reduced substantially simply by eliminating wasteful programs and cracking down on welfare cheats, as some conservatives seem to think, or by raising taxes on the wealthy and slashing spending at the Pentagon, as some liberals apparently believe.

The only way to get the gov-ernment's finances under control is to enact measures that would be unappealing politically — so unpopular, in fact, that they could cost the politicians who support them their jobs.

A constitutional amendment might provide these politicians the political cover they need to cast courageous votes.

The argument on the other

• Without the discipline of a raising taxes and cutting spend-onstitutional amendment, polless unpopular because of a constitutional requirement.

• The requirement that the budget be in balance would force the government to set pri-

For years, politicians have acted like hungry people in a free buffet line. Rather than decide which dishes to take, they simply pile up their plates with

everything.
Under the budget laws enacted in 1990 and 1993, priorities must be addressed when new programs are considered.

But nothing requires the government to strip programs and examine tax breaks already on the books. A balanced-budget amendment would require the president and Congress to review every program in the government and decide which ones side is that the politicians will to keep and which ones to dis-still face the hard choices about card.



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end, presumably for filming.

ic relations for the first time, a U.S. official said Thursday.

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HANOI — The United States and Vietnam are to sign an agreement Saturday allowing them to establish diplomating the establish diplomating them to establish diplomating the establish diplo relations, which began to emerge two years ago after a

ter the signing, the official said. U.S. properties, including the The agreement, to be signed former U.S. Embassy building in Hanoi, settles questions in Saigon, which is now Ho Chi

Virginia. But the court said the proposed

leadership program for women at Mary Bal-

dwin College must be modified to make it

acceptable as an alternative to admitting

• The money that people are sending in to help prosecute Susan Smith, who admits drowning her two small sons, can be used by

Union County, the South Carolina attorney

general says. Officials had complained that

the cost of the murder trial could bankrupt

Union County. Donations to the prosecution

As part of a comprehensive salmon recovery blueprint, the National Marine Fisheries Ser-

vice has proposed what it calls "major

changes" in the way it operates the vast hy-

dropower system of the Columbia and Snake

rivers in the Northwest. The plan calls for

holding more water behind the upriver dams

until the spring and summer, when young

salmon need an increased flow of water to

speed them out to the Pacific Ocean. (LAT)

women to VMI

total about \$955 so far.

will turn over the former South liaison office at that time, the Vietnamese Embassy in Wash-

The two sides initialed the consular, political and commerproperties accord last month cial functions and will probably but postponed a formal signing serve as a transitional step to-until they resolved final details. ward the eventual exchange of ambassadors.

will represent de facto diplomatic recognition, and the assigned 11 diplomats to work United States will take posses- in the office.



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New York Times Service
NEW DELHI — India's top

official in the disputed state of Kashmir and the Indian military commander in the state had narrow escapes Thursday when three remote-controlled bombs exploded at a rally to celebrate India's Republic Day in Jammu, Kashmir's winter capital. The explosions killed at least eight people and wounded more than 100.

Although the blasts failed in their apparent objective of killing the governor of Kashmir, K.V. Krishna Rao, who is a retired army general, and the army commander. Lieutenant General L.T. Surender Singh, the attack underscored the power of the Muslim rebels who are contesting India's rule in new setback for the Indian govsaid were minor bruises.

widespread enthusiasm across the country because the principal guest for the celebrations in New Delhi was President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, ber as many as 500,000 men.

who has used his visit here to thank India for what he has described as India's key role in isolating the old apartheid re-

The annual parade in New Delhi passed without incident. But nervousness among Indian security officials was reflected in multiple security checks for all those approaching within hundreds of meters of the glassed-in reviewing stand where Mr. Mandela and Indian dignitaries, including Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, watched a parade that ranged from the latest Indian missiles to a brightly uniformed military band with all of its members on camels.

what is the country's only Mus-lim-majority state. Mr. Rao tive of holding elections in Jamemerged from the bombing mu and Kashmir, as the Indianwith what Indian news reports controlled part of Kashmir is called. After five years of con-The blasts also jarred what fronting an insurgency in which many Indians had seen as the at least 17,000 people have died, most auspicious Republic Day in many years. There had been maintained by what amounts to a military government backed by a force of army and police officers that some Indian mili-

CAMP: Death's Kingdom

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crected only a few yards from the camp's barbed wire, Rabbi Weiss held up a placard read-ing, "Where Was This Cross 50 Years Ago?" The placard was promptly torn to shreds by an

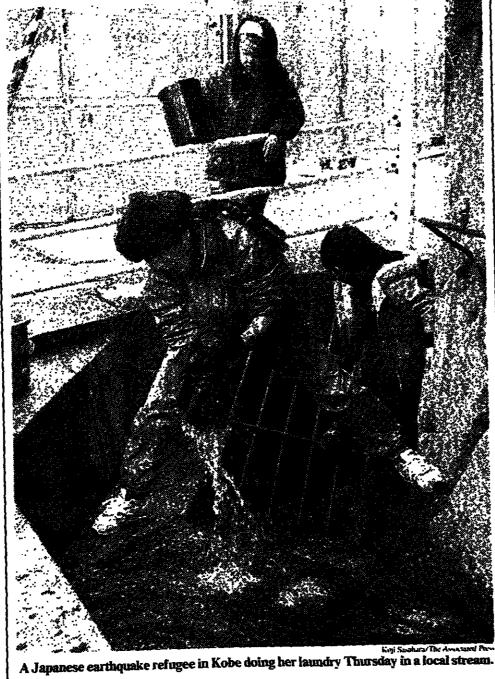
There is so much to remember but so few with direct experience left to bear witness. When, on Jan. 27, 1945, advancing Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz and the adjacent Birkenau camp, they found only 7.000 skeletal inmates remaining. Some 58,000 others had been rousted by the SS on death marches into Germany.

Allied intelligence had been aware as early as 1943 that the Auschwitz complex was used as a death camp; many survivors are still furious that U.S. and British war planners refused to divert bombers to destroy the

gas chambers or rail lines. But the magnitude of the slaughter and the industrial efficiency with which it was carried out sull defies belief.

By 1942, the former Polish military compound was a vast factory of death. Five gas chambers and crematoria reduced up to 9,000 victims a day to ash. Unspeakable medical experiments were conducted by Josef Mengele and his henchmen on twins, pregnant women and children. Soviet soldiers found seven tons of women's hair, shorn from those about to die.

"My family remained here. My parents, my brother, my grandfather, said Maryla Michalowska-Diament of Brussels, who survived 18 months in Auschwitz and the subsequent death march. "They are lying here everywhere. Perhaps we are walking over them now."



Japanese General Apologizes

KOBE, Japan - The army commander for the region devastated by an earthquake last week apologized Thursday for delays in getting troops to help in the rescue effort.
"It was regrettable we could not save more

lives," the commander, Lieutenant General Yusuke Matsushima, said as he wiped tears from his eyes during a news conference.

"I understand why people were so upset," he continued, "People said, 'Why didn't you come help us sooner? Why weren't you there?" I understand, but it was the situation."

By most Japanese accounts, it was not the military's fault that soldiers did not rush to the area. Rather, elected officials and civilian bureaucrats got into an extended argument about the proper wording of the request the

prefectural government should make to request military assistance.

After the proper request was made for army help, it reportedly took another day to submit the correct form seeking help from the

Because memories of Japan's disaster in World War II still burn strongly with the older generation, it can be a complicated process to get the Japanese military involved in anything — even emergency disaster relief.

In the case of the earthquake, days were lost when soldiers might have helped put out fires. find buried people amid the wreckage and assist survivors.

The death toll from the quake rose to 5.083 Thursday, with 51 people still listed as missing, police said.

A 'Super' State Dept. Unlikely Gore Rejects Proposal to Meld Several Agencies

By Thomas W. Lippman

Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore has turned down a State Department proposal to absorb other government foreign policy agencies into a new "Department of International Relations," according to sources at the agencies involved.

Mr. Gore and his national performance review staff, looking for ways to make the government more efficient, have decided that the State Department, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Agency for International Development and U.S. Information Agency should remain separate organizations while combining some functions that condens as disables to the control functions that overlap or duplicate, the sources Mr. Gore was scheduled to make an an-

nouncement on Wednesday after meeting with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, but the official announcement has been postponed until Friday because Mr. Gore is planning to meet the heads of the other agencies late Thursday, a White House official said. It ain't over till it's over," one administration

official said, but several other officials said they have been receiving consistent signals all week that the "reinventing government" team's review would result in rejection of the State Department

With Congress scrutinizing every corner of the

government in an effort to save money, Mr. Christopher sought to seize the initiative earlier this month by proposing to Mr. Gore that the separate agencies responsible for foreign aid, arms control, and cultural activities and broadcasting be merged into the State Department.

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There ensued nearly two weeks of bureaucratic infighting, which some officials described as occasionally nasty and personal. Each of the agencies targeted for absorption lobbied hard to remain independent.

A group called the Coalition for American Leadership Abroad, representing foreign policy think tanks and foreign service professionals, called on President Bill Clinton to block the

e called on President Bill Clinton to block the plan, calling it "preemptive capitulation to isolationist voices" in Congress.

"These proposals include eliminating USAID and its sustainable-development programs, virtually wiping out assistance to whole continents like Africa, hobbling U.S. participation in multiplateral peacekeeping and abolishing ACDA three lateral peacekeeping and abolishing ACDA, thus eviscerating many of our arms control efforts,"

they told the president.

The tenacity and ferocity of the resistance was underestimated, a State Department offi-

Senior officials of AID and ACDA argued that the merger would deprive the government of their experise, field experience and technical knowledge while saving little money.

MALAWI: Rule of Law' Replaces One Man's Whirn

ca, a country that prides itself on being a pocket of gentleness

in a cruel continent. Even more than the elections

in May, the case has become a rite of passage from the rule of one man's whim to the rule of

"We're not wanting ven-geance in this matter," said President Bakili Muluzi, who defeated Mr. Banda. "We're not even wanting to use it as a Mr. Banda as the father of their political issue. But according to the laws of Malawi, you kill, you are tried."

Echoing some of the gawkers outside the courthouse, he added, "We must put the record right and make sure that nobody in my position, today, 10morrow, would ever commit atrocities like that and get away

In his mid-90s and reportedly given to depression and lapses of memory, Mr. Banda lives under luxurious house arrest and hanged if he survives the year or more his murder trial is expected to take. His lawyer, Lovemore Munlo, describes Mr. Banda as being "in terrible

So far, Mr. Munio has gotten back of the head, where I knew,

his client excused from appear-

ing in court.
Mr. Banda led the protests that won independence from Britain in 1964. Within two years he had consolidated all power in his own hands.

The Victorian peculiarity of his rule — he dressed formally in homburg hats and ordered long-haired male tourists shorn at the airport - made him seem more comical than brutal. Even now many Malawians revere country, and blame any cruelties committed during his rule on his despised right-hand man, John Tembo, who also faces

charges in the case. But the murder accusation, compiled by an independent commission created by Mr. Muluzi, has badly battered Mr. Banda's lingering reputation as a strict but well-intentioned pa-

The commission found that in 1983 four men whose loyalty Mr. Banda had questioned faces the possibility of being three cabinet ministers and a member of Parliament - were arrested at police roadblocks, blindfolded, taken to a forest outside Blantyre and killed.

"I was the one who had the hammer and I hit him at the

do anything in four years.

But they dread the tangling

with a Republican Congress

and what that could well mean

for the agenda Mr. Clinton out-

lined in his speech, particularly his strong stand behind the

newly enacted ban on a variety

of assault weapons and his call

for some kind of health-insur-

Mr. Clinton for his focus on

domestic affairs, was satisfied.

But Carl Elliott, 55. a gay

said. "Everybody expected

amendments all the way across

the country to include gay

with voters like himself, who

can government.

Alex Bichel, 24, a hotel man-

ance overhaul.

sexuals.

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thefts.

according to my police training, he would die immediately." said one policeman whose testi-mony filled pages of a local newspaper.

The police packed the bodies into a blue Peugeot and rolled it over a cliff, and later presented the deaths to the country as an accident.

The commission had only circumstantial evidence that Mr. Banda and Mr. Tembo ordered the men killed. The police offi- 🕏 cial to whom Mr. Banda supposedly gave the command later died, although his wife and deputy say he told them about his instructions.

But Robert Mzikamanda, who was secretary of the investigating commission, said there was "debate, but no doubt" about Mr. Banda's role. Within days of receiving the report, the chief prosecutor ordered the former president and three others arrested.

Mr. Banda's lawyer, Mr. Munlo, says the police must have acted on their own. The murder case, he argues, is a vengeful circus intended to distract public attention from the economic misery that has conspicuously worsened since Mr. Banda lost power.

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VOTERS: Clinton's Talk Praised, but Doubts Remain ROCKET:

she said. "But I think, 'Poor Clinton, he tried to bite the "He's intelligent. The words he whole apple and swallow it. He used were very meaningful to needed to pick something and

stay with it." He vaciliated, she said, on welfare, could not get a healthcare overhaul passed and seems ineffectual to her. So she is a Republican now. We have changed here in the

village," she said.
In Mr. Clinton's address. Mrs. Page saw nothing to pull her back to the Democrats. Not that she disagreed with much of what the president had said. She supports the assault-rifle ban enacted last year, his call for changes in the health-care and welfare systems and the minimum-wage increase he had

spoken of. You couldn't disagree with it," she said. "It was so generic. You bear it over and over and over. How many times can you hear it and you don't see any result from what you're hear-

She began reciting her disappointments. "Remember a year ago he said he would not sign a Mr. Clinton talked of a need for health-care bill except his own?" she asked. "He came on strong. What did we get? We got zero."

Yes, she said, she knew that Congress had not come up with a bill and had sidetracked the hope and determination did not Clinton plan. "But you see, he's the head," Mrs. Page said. "It was up to him to muster support or do whatever he had to do."

But some of those skeptical of Mr. Clinton said they would not write him off just yet. Similarly, they said they would not necessarily vote for a Republi-can presidential candidate next time, with Republicans already in control of Congress.

"Right now, we got enough of them in there." Mr. Faruggia said. "Too many is not good." Nor do they necessarily see like the tooth fairy to come the new speaker of the House as down. But he'd do a lot better if their leader of choice. People in he'd present a clear plan." River Grove are still asking themselves, who is this Newt Gingrich, and how did he become whoever he is so fast?

"You'd think he was just given the throne next to Jesus," said Donald Gedeon, a retired X-ray installer who voted Reagan, Reagan, Bush, Clinton in the last four elections and now has his doubts about both par-

Seth Mydans reported from Los Angeles: When the president conclud-

sat up from his bean-andcheese burnitos and applauded. But then, the more he thought, crime can be brought under the more deflated he seemed. "He's an outstanding com-

ty of California at Los Angeles. me. But we've been down this road so many times. I'm leery;

I'm very leery.' In the Ackerman Student Union's cafeteria, where about 40 college students, including Mr. Minkoff, watched the speech on a large television screen, hope for the future mingled with frustration over past disappointments, and idealism

struggied against cynicism. There was knowing laughter at the contrast between the two men who sat behind the president: between the dutiful applause of Vice President Al Gore and the occasionally passive or even grumpy mien of Newt Gingrich, the House speaker. Mr. Minkoff, his baseball cap

pulled down tight, sat forward with a spiral notebook and pencil as the speech began, telling his friends: "The guy's going to speak to the nation. You might want to take notes." He nodded in approval as

a more civil society and for a

more efficient government,

when he promoted a welfare overhaul and when he spoke of the nation's debt to its veterans. seem to be enough, and Mr. Minkoff said he felt vaguely let down, "It doesn't take a genius to figure out what needs to be done," he said, "but it takes character to see things

What the students at Mr. Minkoff's cafeteria table said they were yearning for was action, or, as Mr. Clinton once again put it, change. "He says all the right things:

we all agree with him," said

Adam King, a graduate student

in computer science. "We'd all Mike Minock, another computer science graduate student, said he had voted for Mr. Clinton in 1992 and then "straight-down-the-line Republican" last fall. "I'm one of the ones they

volatile," he said. Mireya Navarro reported from Miami:

want to fight over, because I'm

In the last two years, Albert Gigato has been mugged once and had his car stolen twice. He says he has now given up on a ed his address, Gregg Minkoff few things: driving, walking on the street at night the rides a bicycle instead) and hoping that

The same pessimism swept

municator," said Mr. Minkoff, a history major at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr. Gigato as he watched the president's address. Mr. Clinton said the right things as usu-

al, Mr. Gigato said, but his troubles getting his ideas enacted seem as unrelenting as car coverage has dealt its competi-"His intent and his ideas are great, but they don't seem possible," said Mr. Gigato, 37, an advertising art director for a department store who identifies himself as a Democrat. He says

years ago and hoped then for an overhaul of the health-care systhey're right back in the driver's seat. Everyone else but the other satellite companies and Ru-Now he finds that the president has not yet accomplished "very much that is significant." from this." I just wish more people

would give him a chance." Mr. Gigato said. "It's going to take time. I don't think anybody can In this city, where Democrats outnumber Republicans by almost two to one, Mr. Gigato toward country-specific proand many other Clinton supgramming sweeping the indusporters say they are not waver-

> operating in Asia, suddenly found expansion in India temporarily blocked, would say only that it was "disappointed" a. by the explosion. "For distribution in areas which would have been covered

alternatives. for new ways to expand their service areas.

architect and real estate agent, said Mr. Clinton had come up short on his promises to homo-"The funding for AIDS hasn't happened in the way everybody expected," Mr. Elliott

rights among the guaranteed group in Hong Kong. Mr. Elliott, who owned two architectural firms before becoming a consultant, said he was an independent. He voted for Ross Perot in the last presidential election, he said, because of Mr. Perot's commitment to small business. But, he added, the new Republican

plexity to their operations. fear a "100 percent" Republi-Thursday's rocket failure is 4: "You need a Democratic creases in insurance premiums president to temper them." he said of congressional Republicans, "because they could get too conservative. He's intelligent. He's just not good at getting people to cooperate with

delay in matching its Asiawide

tors. Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. bought control of STAR. TV in 1993 for \$525 million. "Originally, this launch would have seen STAR TV lose out," said John Kaye, director for television services at Neilsen SRG, a viewership ratings and he voted for Mr. Clinton two market research firm. "Now

> pert Murdoch will be hurting The Apstar-2 satellite, built by Hughes Aircraft Co. of the United States and insured for \$160 million, carried technology that would have allowed it to transmit more than 100 television channels throughout Asia, invaluable in the trend

Turner Broadcasting, which, along with several other groups

by the Apstar-2 satellite," a spokeswoman said, "Turner Broadcasting will look for other ager who said he had voted for Other networks released similar statements as they searched

> Existing satellites and some yet to be launched may be in a position to attract more broadcasters, for a likely higher fee "What everyone thought would become a glut is quickly shrinking," said Sarah Rechin.

managing director of CEA Pa-

cific Rim, a media investment STAR TV will maintain its formidable lead in distribution for a while, analysis said. A replacement for the satellite wrecked Thursday is unlikely to appear in less than two years-Competitors who hope to match the wide coverage of STAR TV's AsiaSat1 satellite now must negotiate a place on congressional majority may end at least two or three other satelup giving Mr. Clinton an edge lites, adding expense and com-

> likely to trigger substantial infor all satellite launch attempts. China's rivals have also lost spacecraft. Experts say roughly 20 percent of all satellites fail for a variety of reasons, usually at launch or in their initial de-

Foes Meet in Riyadh As Yemenis Report Saudi Deployments

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches RIYADH - Yemeni and Saudi Arabian negotiators pur-sued talks in the Saudi capital Thursday in an effort to defuse a territorial crisis, diplomats

Yemeni political sources in San'a charged that Saudi Arabia was massing tanks, rocket launchers, warplanes and helicopters near the border and that Saudi troops were within three kilometers of it.

An officer in the Yemeni Army said: "Our troops are keeping their initial positions, with the normal numbers and without any reinforcements. But the Saudis are massing troops on the border for the third straight day."

At the center of the dispute are three provinces assigned to Saudi Arabia under a treaty signed in 1934. Yemen argues it expired in September 1992, but it has said it was willing to renegotiate the accord.

The Saudis have also deployed F-15 and F-16 warplanes and Apache attack helicopters flown from the Tabuk air base in the northwest to Khamis-Mushayt and Jizan in the southwest, Yemeni political sources said. The Saudi troop movements took place near the Saada region of northwest Yemen and opposite the communities of Al Wadi and Al Shur- before? ura, they said.

said the Saudi kingdom's mili-

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pressure on the Yemenis for them to make concessions" during the talks in Riyadh.
But Yemen's president, Ali

Abdullah Saleh, had pledged that "even in case of Saudi aggression, Yemen will not respond."

The two sides have been less than friendly since San'a crushed a revolt by southern Yemenis unhappy with north-ern rule last year. The last several weeks have been marked by tension and minor clashes.

Yemeni and Saudi forces have clashed several times on the border, most recently on Jan. 10, when at least 40 Yemenis and 14 Saudis were killed. according to a Western diplo-

Neither diplomats nor other sources in Yemen had previously announced a casualty toll.



A HARD AND DISPUTED LAND - Elderly Palestinian Bedouin begging an Israeli soldier Thursday to stop Jewish settlers from enlarging the Maale Amos settlement, south of Bethlehem, onto land the Palestinians claim as their own.

If Assets Freeze Stops Terror, Why Did U.S. Wait?

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's order to help curb terrorism by freezing the U.S. assets of 30 Arab and Israeli groups and individuals raises two basic questions: Will it work, and if it is such a good tool, why wasn't it ever tried

The executive order, signed by Mr. A Yemeni political source Clinton on Monday night and highlighted the Saudi kingdom's milied in his State of the Union speech on tary deployment was "a kind a Tuesday night, is intended to prevent terrorist groups and individuals or their supporters in the United States from using the American banking system or raising money to finance terrorist acts.

But administration officials acknowledge that they do not know whether any of the 500 banks and financial instituout their first execution of a tions ordered by Mr. Clinton to take convicted drug offender, Chan action will find any assets to seize and Ting Chong, 38, a Malaysian that they do not have proof that all of sentenced to death in 1985 by the people and groups on their list have the people and groups on their list have used the United States to raise or trans-

"I don't anticipate seizing any large gan and Bush administrations, when sums of money," said a Treasury Demilitant groups were holding Americans partment official involved in the initia-

Similarly, experts on terrorism outside the administration are puzzled by

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the timing and the chance for success of the new anti-terrorism campaign. "I wondered what - other than terri-

ble bombings in Israel - brought the terrorism issue to such prominence in the State of the Union speech," said Philip Heyman, a deputy attorney general early in the Clinton administration and a professor at Harvard Law School who frequently teaches about terrorism. "And I wondered why, if we knew there were assets in the United States and where they were, we hadn't seized them

hostage in Lebanon and American citizens and installations were the regular target of terrorist attacks.

In the mid-1980s, for example, the State Department began an initiative to try to curb financing from the United States to both the Palestine Liberation Organization and Noraid, the Irish-American organization that has raised money for the Irish Republican Army. It went nowhere.

"One of the problems we faced when we tried this 10 years ago is that the money always seemed to go to widows and orphans and stopping that money can be challenged in court," said David Long, who wrote a book on terrorism and served in the State Department's counterterrorism office.

But Secretary of State Warren M. The idea of freezing assets of terrorist Christopher has made the fight against christopher has groups or their supporters is not new. It terrorism a linchpin of U.S. foreign poliwas considered and rejected by the Reacy, and has searched for creative ways -

however farfetched - to make it hap-

For more than a year the FBI has closely monitored supporters of the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas in several cities, including Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington.
Although the bulk of financial aid for

Hamas comes from the Gulf states, particularly Saudi Arabia, some administration officials estimate that as much as 30 percent of the organization's funds pass through or are raised in the United States. A few weeks ago, Israel sentenced Mohammed Salah, a used-car salesman from Bridgeview, Illinois, to five years in prison for carrying orders as well as thousands of dollars to Hamas leaders in Israel and the occupied territories in 1993.

Administration officials admit that some of the targets may seem remote. The only common factor is that they are all using or are threatening to use violence to block peace between Israel and

U.S. Hits Snags In Getting Backing For Nuclear Pact

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United States has run into surprising resistance in negotiations here intended to extend a treaty that has limited the spread of nuclear weapons for a quarter of a century.

Leading arms experts say that influential nonnuclear nations may muster enough votes to block a permanent extension of the treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons. which was signed in 1968 and put into effect in 1970. Many attribute the flagging support partly to a lack of leadership on the issue from the Clinton administration.

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which expires this year, is up for renewal at an international conference beginning in April. This week, representatives of 168 nations that are party to the accord are meeting here to establish the ground rules for that crucial conference and to lobby for the treaty's permanent extension or some alternative action.

Several developing nations argue that the treaty is discriminatory because it established an exclusive club of five declared nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China — while pressing other countries to sign on as nonnuclear members and renounce weapons and access to nuclear-weapons technology.

Some arms experts say the major developing nations are now balking at giving the nuclear powers what would amount to an indefinite grace period because of the Clinton administration's reluctance to reassure nonnuclear nations of its longrange commitment to disarmament and its failure to move faster in negotiating a comprehensive test ban, now under discussion in separate UN talks in Geneva.

"The president has yet to clearly and personally reaffirm U.S. commitments under the treaty, particularly Article Six, which calls for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons," said Michael Krepon, president of the Henry L. Stimson Center, an independent strategic and military research institute in Washington.

In his 80-minute State of the Union message on Tuesday, President Bill Clinton devoted only a sentence to the nonproliferation treaty, saying the United States would "lead the charge to extend indefinitely."

But arms-control experts say the Clinton administration preoccupied with other issues and split on how to proceed with arms control in general - has not given the negotiations the attention they deserve.

There are already hints that the United States might have to settle for less than it wants, possibly a series of 25-year extensions, automatically renewed unless a majority voted against it. Other alternatives proposed by developing nations would be far more constricting.

Indonesia's chief negotiator, Izhar Ibraham, told officials at the meeting this week that the treaty would have to be made more meaningful and its provisions more faithfully adhered to if major nonnuclear nations were to support it.

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Initially, even its Red Army liberators could scarcely credit what they came upon in southern Poland — slave laborers thin as matchsticks, children chewed up in demented laboratory experiments. and the remains of four gas chambers and crematorium ovens that once claimed 20,000 victims a day. The images of Auschwitz are scorched in memory: the bodies heaped like kindling, the 43,000 pairs of shoes, the piles of human hair.

So horrific was this death factory and what it signified that it was soon entwined with myth and politics. A museum was established at the site in 1947. only to become the focus of impassioned arguments. Under Poland's Communist regime the number of victims was inflated to 4 million and their overwhelmingly Jewish identity minimized, thereby providing fodder to Holocaust deniers.

To this day, Auschwitz defeats sense and comprehension. What began in 1940 as a German concentration camp for

including a killing field. Within months after the 1942 Wannsee Conference in Berlin, at which Nazi chieftains worked out the "Final Solution," the first convoy of Dutch Jews arrived at Auschwitz. By 1945, 1.1 million to 1.5 million people had died there and at the adjacent Birkenau camp, of whom 90 percent were Jews. Some 150,000 non-Jewish Poles were dispatched to Auschwitz, of whom half were killed - along with 20,000 Gypsies, 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war and 25,000 people of other nationalities.

That the killings continued even to the last moment darkens the blot on Germany's reputation. Yet it is also a matter of record that even when the Americans and British learned what was happening at Auschwitz, senior officials rejected pleas to bomb the death camp and its rail approaches, a failure of imagination that today seems incomprehensible.

The only preventive for a repetition of Auschwitz is remembrance. That is why the Polish government was so wrong in its initial decision to prevent the recitation of the Jewish prayer for the dead at commemorative ceremonies, and why Elie Wiesel and others were so right to insist on its inclusion.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The 38th Parallel Face-Off

Veering Back and Forth

In the State of the Union address Tues- only that he wanted to work with Con-

day night, President Bill Clinton was gress to "pass a reasonable bill which will

The armies mustered along the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea are a dangerously volatile legacy of the Cold War. Now that a nuclear agreement has been reached with North Korea and the North is living up to its end of the bargain, the United States and the two Koreas need to discuss ways to step back from military confrontation.

The sheer size of the forces arrayed on both sides - a million in the North, 750,000 in the South, including 37,000 Americans - is dangerous enough. Their concentration along the 38th parallel raises the risk of impulsive reaction in tense times. These risks can be eased by force reductions and measures to build confidence on both sides, such as limiting the size of military exercises. providing advance notification of any troop movements and establishing a hot line between military commands.

The North's missile programs are also a source of instability, both on the Korean Peninsula and beyond, and need to be addressed. The North is developing a missile capable of reaching Japan and has tried to market its short-range missiles. It must abandon those efforts as part of an attempt to resolve outstanding issues.

North Korea has already proposed troop cuts of 100,000 per side. That would ease the strain on the North's economy, but it might do little to promote stability unless it involved thinning out forces along the North-South divid-

plainly trying to preempt and co-opt the

successful Republican political message

of last fall. You had the feeling that a lot

of positioning had gone on, and this al-

ways raises suspicions as to substance

and sincerity. On some of his moves to-

ward what he believes to be the political

outlook the American voters mandated,

Mr. Clinton, it seems to us, moved to-

ward common sense and away from mis-

guided policy. But there was a good deal

of veering back and forth. He alternately suggested he agreed with the Republicans

on many things and sought to reassure

Democrats that there were also matters

Occasionally he was forthright, as when

he warned he would block repeal of last

year's ban on the manufacture and sale of

assault weapons. He was clear as well on

some essential aspects of welfare reform

and on the fact that tax cuts ought not add

to the deficit. He was also right to stress

the themes of personal and civic responsi-

bility and the importance of institutions

outside government — the community groups that "do the work of citizenship"

But on too many other issues, he chose

to speak obliquely and in code. The ad-

ministration has claimed to think the

balanced-budget amendment to the con-

stitution on which the House is voting

this week could have disastrous conse-

quences; but the president would say

only that the proponents owe the public

an explanation of how the balance would

be achieved. Administration officials

likewise think the unfunded mandates

legislation on which both houses are at

work could have grave consequences if carried too far, but the president said

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on which he would stand and fight.

ing line, including tanks, armored vehicles and artillery. The North also wants a peace treaty, formally ending the state of war that has existed since 1950. Steps to ease the military confrontation would be a useful prelude to such an accord.

Pyongyang should not assume that Washington speaks for Seoul on these matters. Consider, for instance, the Pentagon's inability to get South Korea to buy appropriate defenses, like radars that can pinpoint and neutralize North Korea's artillery, or night-vision gear for its helicopters. Instead the South is building ships for a defense against Japan it does not need.

Seoul bears its share of the blame for letting talks with Pyongyang lapse. It failed to offer condolences on the death of Kim Il Sung and went out of its way to question the legitimacy of his successor. The North reacted with a propaganda barrage of its own and put off North-South talks. Now Seoul is looking for ways to turn down the propaganda volume and resume talks.

Pyongyang has preferred to deal with Washington, but steps to defuse the military confrontation cannot be negotiated by the United States and North Korea alone. South Korea must be directly involved. All sides should move now. Last month's downing of a U.S. helicopter that strayed into North Korea's airspace showed how easily shooting can begin.

protect the national interest [ye:] give

justified relief." The administration be-

lieves that some of the deregulatory legis-

lation in Congress also goes too far; he

dealt with that by saying that Congress

should "remember what national action

in the national interest has given us" in

the form of cleaner water and air, safer food and cars and all the rest.

maybe even wise, for a president whose

party has just taken a beating at the polls

to try to blur his differences with the

opposition. Mr. Clinton's problem is that

in the last two years, he has done more

than just blur differences for tactical rea-

sons. He has a history both of trying too

for deficit reduction, gun control and, after much wobbling, NAFTA. But there

are doubts, and this speech did not dispel

them, about how long the president's

positions will stand. He would have done

himself some good had he said just once

in the course of wrapping himself in Re-publican themes, here is where the other

Defenders argue that the speech did

serve the important purpose of putting

the president back into the argument.

By accepting some of the opposition's

themes while seeking to modulate and

bend them, he suggested the Republi-

cans might be right about some things and made himself a player in a way he

otherwise could not hope to be. The

question is, a player to what end? How

hard is he going to fight, and for what?

Eighty-two minutes of speech, and you still don't know.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

side is wrong. He never quite did it.

Yes, the president has taken risks -

hard to please and of folding.

As a tactical matter it is fair enough,

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

tional shock and distress of Israelis as they

TONDON - The reaction of

By Flora Lewis

tinians need to regain faith in the "peace process." There isn't enough consensus on either side to provide a firm base for what the cautious negotiators might achieve.

Sealing off both the autonomous regions

and the West Bank again, Mr. Rabin has reached the conclusion that only "separation" of the two peoples can bring safety. This is at the cost of devastating what little there is of a sustaining economy for the Palestinians, who need the work Israel offers, as well as a relatively minor loss for Israeli employers. It

negotiator, has said that separation is accept-

This is the crux of the issue. The "peace process," as now conducted, skirts the key questions - Palestinian independence. Jewish settlements and Jerusalem. They cannot be avoided much longer. But neither can they be somehow anesthetized while the principals haggle over the interim. Each step, however small, is evaluated by how it will influence the ultimate decision.

this much later, the courage of candor has become essential. Everyone involved knows what has been set aside, and everyone knows that eventually it will have to be confronted either with compromise or resignation to years more of bloody hostility and frustration. No doubt this is what Mr. Weizman means

when he asks Israel to "rethink where we are going." It is still true, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in explaining the underpinning for the Oslo agreement, that Israel is not strong enough to impose the peace it wants. and too strong to be defeated. The consequences have to be more impasse, or compromise, and he accepted that logic.

But it has not yet been clearly put, either to the Israeli public or to the Palestinians. Understandably, that isn't easy for the politicians who are responsible, all the less for a democratically elected leader such as Mr. Rabin with a fragile hold on power. Still, it must be done if the hope for peace is to retain enough vitality to flourish.

The United States has been wary and timid, supporting Israel but not accepting the risk of challenging the dangerous ambiguities. It could be clearer, at the least openly pressing the partner-antagonists in the peace process to shed the pretenses veiling the dilemma.

Mr. Rabin is said to be considering skipping the badly functioning search for an interim solution and moving on to the negotiations on final status provided for in the 1993 accord. He should be encouraged. There is too much avstake to hunker down and mark time.

9 Flora Lewis.

Europe Has One Leg to Stand On

By William Pfaff

PARIS — It is time to take seriously the U.S. Congress's determination to unilaterally lift the arms embargo on Bosnia. President Bill Clinton says he would veto legislation to that effect, but whether this veto could be sustained cannot now be said. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a Harvard audi...

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ence Jan. 20 that lifting the embargo would "Americanize the con-flict." This is not true unless the United States intends itself to arm, train or support the Bosnian government's forces, which is not Congress's intention. Congress does not want America in the war. The Republican majority and a part of the Democratic minority want to make a moral gesture toward those seen as the unjustly penalized victims of this war.

Paris and London reply that if the Bosnians are freed to arm themselves, the United Nations Protection Force will leave and the Bosnians will be overrun by their Serbian enemies. This as-sessment is probably correct. It also is true that the Bosnian goverument has for months allowed itself to believe that the United States will come to its rescue.

Senator Bob Dole and his allies owe it to the Bosnian people and government to be unmistakably clear on this point. The United States will not enter the war.

The European governments be-lieve Congress is being reckless. It is, but it is not being imreasonable. The Europeans argue that it is better to continue with today's stalemate - the endless negotiations and concessions -- because these may eventually end in peace of a kind, with the victims more or less exhausted, the aggressors more or less satisfied. The misery will be less than the misery of war.

The Americans who want the arms embargo lifted reply that if the Bosnians really want to fight to recover what they have lost, and are prepared for further sacrifices, why should the international community stop them?

If this produces renewed suffering for the Serbs of Bosnia, that too is their free choice. They have the option of signing the settlement the "contact group" has negotiated and which the Bosnian

government has accepted. The principle is one posed ever since the war began. To what extent is the international commi-nity justified in actively prevent-ing people from taking the consequences of their own actions? The international intervention in the ex-Yugoslavia has failed to prevent crimes and aggression. The UN has saved the lives of thousands of people and made life endurable for many

more. But compared to what? Who can say that a quick and brutal partition of the country, as might have happened in the absence of intervention, might not have caused less suffering than three and a haif years of a war

that still goes on? International intervention seemed the right thing at the time. Had the European intervention possessed a coherent aim and resolute execution, it might have stopped the war at the start. But. those qualities were absent.

I have from the beginning argued that Yugoslavia is primarily a European responsibility, as the war is a threat to European order. Europe undertook the responsibility of intervening, however disastrous the outcome has been, while the United States stood aside. Today, it seems to me that the judgment of the European governments on the embargo has

to be accepted. I would be happier with that conclusion if I were convinced that the Europeans were right or that next time things would be different. What this affair has shown is that without U.S. leadership. Europe is collectively inca-pable of united, resolute policy and action. The reason lies in the nature of "Europe." Twelve nations, or 15, or more, cannot act as one. One nation must take on itself the responsibility to act, and let others follow.

Nothing can change that. International Herald Tribune O Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Mideast: Too Much Is at Stake to Hunker Down Now

PARIS — The famous Washington hand-shake a year and a half ago sealed only a Declaration of Principles between Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel, and Yasser Arafat, representing the Palestine Liberation Organization. Peace is not yet at hand.

In fact, the painfully slow "peace process" can be said, as some Israelis have done, to have provoked more terrorism and more deaths, as extremists try to blow it up and Israeli security exercises more "muscular" interrogation of prisoners (read torture) to catch terrorist organizers.

Mr. Rabin was right to insist, despite loud Israeli clamor, that he would not cede victory to the perpetrators by calling off negotiations with the PLO. But President Ezer Weizman also deserves a hearing when he calls for a suspension of the stalled stalks while "we rethink which way we are going.

His intervention was startling, Mr. Weizman played a key role in the Israeli-Egyptian settlement and has long been an ardent advocate of peace with the Arabs, including Palestinians. 'Ezer lost his head." anonymous Israeli officials were quoted as saying.

The trouble is that the Principles are based

on ambiguity, fudging and postponing all the hard issues, on the theory that Israelis and Palestinians need time to get used to the idea of co-existence and to build trust. It isn't working that way. Time is strengthening those on both sides who are convinced

that force is the only answer. Each mass terror attack deepens the emo-

contemplate the risk of the concessions Pales-

only makes things worse. Yet Nabil Shaeth, the chief Palestinian

able if it comes with a Palestinian state.

It is time to drop the euphemism and the side-stepping, and face the real issues. When Mr. Rabin speaks of "separation," it is enough of an implication of a Palestinian state to infuriate Israeli opponents, but not enough to hearten those Palestinians who do want peace. To recapture the promise of the handshake

A Pause in the Process, Not Panicky Self-Destruction

peace processors in Jerusalem and Washington to the Beit held such a moderate-extremist Lid massacre, in which Islamic Arab theory. suicide bombers wiped out a score of Israelis, has been shock. anger, sorrow - but a determination that terrorist attacks not be allowed to stop the peace process. That is based on this widely

held premise: Because extremists quartered in Tunis. do not want negotiations to succeed, it follows that the way to Most intifada leaders of a new foil their tactics is to press on with negotiations no matter what atrocities they perpetrate. In that way, goes the logic, moderate Palestinians (who pro-less to want only the West Bank

and East Jerusalem) will triumph, and extremist Palestinians (who demand no less than the destruction of the Zionist entity) will be defeated. The questions now being asked

are these: What if conventional wisdom is wrong? What if the negotiating arm is not in control of the Arab body politic? What if Israel's hopes are less realistic

For a time, Israeli optimists

By William Safire

To them, the intifada — the uprising of young, local Palestinian Arabs - was a blessing in disguise. It asserted the power of Arabs living in the area in contrast to the power of the millions of displaced Palestinians head-

generation, although loyal to the legendary Yasser Arafat, wanted nationhood in the disputed West Bank, where they lived; but most of the overseas Palestinians dreamed of their "right of return" to homes along Israel's coast.
Israelis hoped that the younger

local leadership would gain con-trol, and years ago some even thought that Hamas might be the answer to the older PLO rigidity. But after the Labor government won its election, Shimon Peres chose to deal secretly in Oslo with the interlocutors he knew best: the overseas Palestinians.

The outsiders are in command. Gaza was infiltrated by the Islamic Jihad: Iran's Hezbollah is protected in Syria-controlled Leba-

non: Hamas was long ago radicalized: suicide bombers are being indoctrinated by the Jihad outside Damascus. Smart Palestinian clans dispersed sons to these factions as well as the PLO. A decade ago, a Fatah opponent of Mr. Arafat, Hani Hassan, said,

"The armed struggle will plant the seeds, and the political struggle will reap the harvest." His prediction is coming true; today's violence is triggering calls in Israel for "separation," which means more than a fence around Gaza. To Arabs, it means pushing Israeli settlers out of the West

Bank and suburbs of Jerusalem - for a start. That is why it is a self-delusion to think that new restrictions on settlements, or a turnover of the whole West Bank to PLO rule.

will bring an end to violence or satisfy Palestinian demands. The ultimate deal that is made

with the negotiating Palestinians is only Phase One of the goal of too

many others. These violent others are not to be dismissed as fanatics: they are the deniable shock troops in the Arab war of attrition.

That is why many Israelis now believe it is not enough for Israel to close its border with Gaza again, or to squeeze a grudging condemnation and some token arrests out of Mr. Arafat, or to stage some hot-pursuit military vengeance across borders. Israelis who want a pause in the

process are not "giving the terror-ists what they want." On the contrary, they know that panicky amputation of the West Bank would give Arabs part of what they seek. Here is the sort of progress they want a breather to produce: Demonstration by Mr. Arafat of his ability to assert political

authority in Gaza and key towns in the West Bank. That means effective suppression of terrorism. Renunciation by the PLO of the inflammatory items in its covenant demanding Israel's destruction. That change was promised by Mr. Arafat in Oslo and

never delivered.

· Expulsion by Syria of the eading terrorists and a closing of Iranian training sites near Da-mascus and under Syrian control in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Such measures are needed to

build trust. They would curb violence better than any bloody retaliation or new territorial concession. Without them, Israel will be engaged in the self-destruction process. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Nuns' Rebellion PARIS - There is something de-

lightfully romantic about the idea of rebellion in a convent. In Udine, a town of North Italy, the idea has lately been realised. The nuns even seized the abbess and locked her up in her cell, whence, after her flock had consumed much of the old ale and old wine of the convent, she was rescued by the bishop. In an official report of the riot, she attributed it: first, to the direct agency of the Evil One, and secondly, to the fact that the convent had been short of fuel during the late cold weather.

1920: 'This Little Oasis'

LONDON - Asked why he got drunk, an American Naval officer charged at the Thames street police court, said: "Well, the States has gone dry, and this is

out at night and enjoy yourself. I did it." The Magistrate: "If every American who comes to England acts in the same way, we shall bless them." The man was allowed to go, on promising that he would not again indulge too much in the delights of this little oasis of England

1945: Colorful Business PARIS -[The Herald says in an editorial: In China, white is the

mourning color; red is the color. of joy and happiness. Despite this made goods continued to reach China wrapped in white paper. whereas German packages were of firecracker red. And no amount of arguing with the Americans could make them. change their ways - make them see red! The good old American feeling of self-confidence! some country, where you can get but not good business.

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itself on nuclear arms control. Two major agreements are now in prospect. One is the conclusion of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The other is the permanent extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of 1970. It is the cornerstone of an international regime that has had unexpected success.

NEW YORK — The United States has set a trap for

But the Clinton administration has adopted a position on the test ban treaty that threatens to undo the permanent extension of the nonproliferation treaty, Fortunately there is time for a change of position. The crucial debate will come when the conference on extending the nonproliferation treaty opens in April.

Last August in Geneva, U.S. officials proposed a new rule for the test ban treaty that would allow any state to withdraw for any reason after 10 years. This is just the sort of easy-exit clause that the United States rightly opposes in the case of the nonproiferation treaty. What this new U.S. proposal suggests is that nuclear-weapons states should have treaty rights they do not allow to non-nuclear states.

What connects this new U.S.

By McGeorge Bundy

Escape This Arms Control Trap Now

position to the still uncertain debate over the nonproliferation treaty is that the most tangled question in that debate is about the length of any renewal of the treaty. When the nonproliferation treaty was first negotiated, there was a deep difference on its duration that was resolved by a compromise: Let the treaty run for 25 years and then let a majority decide for how long to renew it. The time for choice has come.

The United States wants an unlimited extension, and so do most of its northern friends. But many others, led by a "non-aligned group," want a shorter extension so that they can hold the treaty hostage from time to time to advance whatever new positions they may favor.

The Americans did not consuit all these countries when they proposed a new escape hatch in the comprehensive test ban for nuclear testing. The American insistence on a 10year exit clause for the test ban treaty -- seemingly the work of technical enthusiasts rather than sound policy makers - is now gravely damaging the campaign of Americans and others for unlimited extension of the nonproliferation treaty. The 10-year exit clause is un-

necessary. The draft treaty already has the usual clause allowing escape when a country decides that its "supreme interests" require it. Any president ready to take so grave a step as a renewal of nuclear testing would surely be ready to use that clause. That means there is simply no currently persuasive technical case for a new 10-year exit clause. Remarkably, the administra-

tion's switch of last August has not yet stirred much political attention outside the arms control community. So there is still time for the administration to straighten things out. If Mr. Clinton acts now, he

will simply be setting straight a small but important point. When the noise level goes up in the spring, that will not be so casy.

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A Self-Indulgent Address That Did Not Set a Course

By David S. Broder

State of the Union address dramatized his failure. It was a speech about been to make clear the principles everything, and therefore about important to the Democratic Party nothing. It was a huge missed op-

portunity — and one he will regret. cially — for which he will fight. Coming into Tuesday night, the president had three tasks: to acknowledge the 1994 election results came a lengthy catalog of constituenand offer a credible pledge of bipartisan cooperation with the new Republican Congress; to define, for the doubt-wracked Democrats, school lunches and infant-feeding the ground he would defend against Republican assault; and to reassert his command of the office talists; job-training for the unem-

all. It was the third challenge — com-municating the sense of focused, dis-mum-wage for workers; a continua-

Admittedly, that was a tough setting the president faced, with Speaker Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, looking over his shoulder and several would-be 1996 opponents measuring him for defeat from their seats in the chamber.

But Mr. Clinton got past the awkwardness in the opening moments important work, communicating a and made a persuasive case for bipartisanship. He skirted an embarrassing acknowledgment of political re-pudiation and sensibly delineated what we all know; the eras of the New Deal and the Cold War are over and new times demand new policies.

The language he used to describe those policies was Republican-flavored. But the promise to "cut yesterday's government to solve tomorrow's problems" is what people want to hear — and what is needed.

The second task, which was the subtext of the speech's long second section, was to assure Democratic constituencies that he would fight for their causes. This is vitally important. Mr. Clinton's main political goal for 1995 is to discourage any well-known Democratic primary opponent from undercutting him, as liberal challengers did to Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

He might easily withstand and perhaps even profit from a challenge from Jesse Jackson or Jerry Brown. But he does not want Richard Gephardt or anyone else of that stature running in the Democratic primaries. If he can keep other Democrats from even getting that idea in their heads throughout 1995, then he will have all of 1996 to position himself against the Republican nominee. Moving far

WASHINGTON — If self-disci-ship—and it is—then Bill Clinton's enough left to discourage a primary challenge without losing the vital middle ground is tricky. The way to - fairness and social justice, espe-

But Mr. Clinton chose to talk programs, not principles, and so it becy-defined entitlements, the essence of old politics: Social Security and Medicare for seniors, Head Start, programs for the young; pensions for veterans; cleanups for environmenhe holds and give a direction to the last half of his term.

ployed; income protection for the deserving poor; tax cuts for middle-He did the first passably well; the class families; government loans for second, badly; and the third, not at college students; expanded health ciplined leadership — that was most important of all. And he blew it.

tion of the ban on assault weapons — and probably several other things my mind was too numbed to note. Vice President Al Gore led the ritual bobup-and-down for each item on the Democratic interest groups' checklist, and the whole performance took

on the aspect of kowtowing.

That left little time — and less plausibility - for the evening's most sense of conviction and a clear agenda. By this stage, the message was a jumble. Nothing linked the Mexican loan guarantee mentioned at 10:20 P.M. with the challenge to Congress to end lobbyist gifts that he

was talking about an hour earlier. Before the speech, I had interviewed a couple dozen Democratic officials. What they wanted desperately from Mr. Clinton was what one former White House aide said in a three-word Yiddish phrase that translates: Be a man. Instead, he was again -at just the wrong moment the loquacious, self-centered youth who somehow slipped into the Oval Office, all charm and "aw shucks" humility one moment, full of braggadocio the next, seeking approval rather than setting a course.

It reminded me of the description a lobbyist friend once gave of prominent and notably long-winded liberal senator. You learned, the lobbyist said, that "the meeting began whenever the senator came through the door and the subject was whatever was on his mind.'

It was disquieting to watch a president behave that way. And it was mind-boggling to see him squander a unique opportunity in such a self-indulgent fashion.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Future of the UN

As permanent representative for Britain with the World Meteorological Organization, one of the United Nations specialized agencies, I was pleased to read the article by Jessica Mathews ("Get Serious About the United Nations' Next 50 Years," Jan. 18) about the achievements of the United Nations and the possibilities for its future.

The UN agencies, working to-gether and with nongovernmental organizations (particularly, in our case, the International Council of Scientific Unions), have played an essential part in great improvements in monitoring and predicting weather and climate, including such natural disasters as tropical cyclones, drought and flooding. The UN agencies have also helped ensure the wide application of these technological developments to the benefit of agriculture, aviation, sustainable development and capacity building in developing countries.

The writer mentioned steps being proposed to improve the management and effectiveness of the United Nations and its agencies. From my perspective, representatives in the specialized agencies are already beginning to introduce modern managerial methods, for example by targeting and reporting on outputs and objective achievements rather than just inputs, and by external evaluation of programs. At the same time, those agencies are encouraging the greater involvement of the private sector through expertise, co-

funding and joint programs. This is a long way from the rather unworldly idealism of the League of Nations and should also be a distinct departure from the bureaucratic and technology-driven approach of the recent UN years. Nevertheless, many of those involved in the UN community as well as its "customers" believe that it will be a natural evolution in the management of programs increasingly to involve new methods and partners. This will be essential for the health and development of the United Nations and all its agencies J. C. R. HUNT.

Chief Executive. The Meteorological Office. Bracknell, England. Regarding the report "A World Class Challenge" (Jan. 4) and "The UN and its Staff" (Letters, Jan. 20):

The figures quoted in discussing the number of people the United Nations now employs in relation to increased UN responsibilities, such as in peacekeeping, would perhaps be more meaningful if other relevant factors were taken into consideration. These include the number and cost of consultants and former UN staff at various levels pensioned and rehired on short-term or specialcontract basis but not now reflected in UN staff listings.

Also very relevant is the fact that logistics and support work in peacekeeping missions previously handled by UN staff is now contracted out to commercial firms. The personnel thus involved are therefore not now UN paid staff and the substantial costs of these commercial contracts for UN operations such as Somalia and Bosnia are reflected elsewhere in the rising UN budget.

> JAMES FOLEY. lonsbruck, Austria.

A Baby Called 'Fatherless' By a Law Already Obsolete

By Ellen Goodman

BOSTON — The lawmakers of Louisiana never planned for the parentage of Judith Hart. When they wrote the laws of legitimacy, any child born to a widow a year after her husband's death would have been cause for scandal, not for celebration. But technology has raced ahead of their law. Today when men can de-

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posit their sperm for safekeeping in a bank before they go off to war or to do battle against illness, Judith Hart's origins do not seem so strange.

In 1990, when Ed Hart was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. he had every wish to live. Before he began the chemotherapy that would leave him sterile, he put his and his wife's hopes for children in a sperm hank in New Orleans.

To this day, Nancy Hart can remember the exact moment, the exact bend in the highway, when her husband talked about what to do if he didn't survive. He said, "There will always be a child for you."

When this widow teacher became pregnant and Judith was born, Nancy felt as if she had cheated death. "I have always thought that death was so final," she said, "there are no deals to be made, you can't fix it. This time I thought, well, death scored one point and we scored one too."

It never occurred to this mother that the state would consider her baby illegitimate. After all, Ed Hart's sperm was the genetic inheritance he left to his wife. Judith was both the legacy and the heiress.

But the state declared her fatherless and therefore the Social Security Administration turned down her application for survivor's benefits of \$700 a month. The genes said yes, but the state said no. Judith wasn't Ed's baby. And so Nancy Hart has filed a suit challenging the laws that deny Judith the right to be her father's legal child and heir. Nancy has done it more for the name than for the money. With the aid of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, she has begun a landmark suit to proclaim the legitimacy of a child conceived after her father's death.

I confess that I have had feelings stirred, if not exactly mixed about deliberately reproducing children whose only contact with their parent is through the genes. I was appalled when a California man, William Everett Kane, left 15 vials of frozen sperm to his girlfriend before he committed suicide. I was outraged when 14 San Quentin inmates on death row sued to have

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their sperm preserved for insemination with willing women.

There is an obsession these days with genes, eggs, sperm, with nature rather than nurture. The vision of a genetic legacy of sperm frozen in some bank is unsettling. In Italy, a baby was born this month with the egg of her dead mother, the sperm of her father and the womb of her father's sister.

In many ways, we should discourage the idea of building a future from grave. Discourage those who would achieve genetic immortality by leaving their reproductive tissue behind. An egg or a vial of sperm may seem like a gift to one surviving partner and feel like a moral obligation, even a burden, to another.

At the same time, I understand the human impulse to "cheat death." I understand why some soldiers who went off to the Gulf War lest could-be children behind. And I surely understand why a cancer patient, hoping for recovery after treatment that leaves him sterile, would bank away his future.

But in this complex, emotional and ethical world of reproductive technology, the story of the Harts is a relatively simple one. In Nancy Hart's words, "All I know is that I had a loving relationship with a husband. We were married. We wanted children. He had the audacity to die

If Ed Hart had gone into remis-sion, if Nancy had been inseminated with the sperm while he was alive, no state would question the daughter's status. The baby would be his survivor.

Instead we have biology telling us one thing and the law another. By every genetic measure, by every DNA yardstick, Judith Hart is her father's hiological child. Only in the eyes of the law is she the illegitimate child of an unwed mother.

When the law gets this far out of touch with reality, it's the law that has to change. It must change now in sync with the new generation of biological issues. That new generation comes with a startling name tag: Judith Hart, Child of a Post-Mortem Conception.

The Boston Globe.

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GROWING UP WITH A SINGLE PARENT: What Hurts, What Helps

By Sara McLanahan and Gary Sandefur. 196 pages. \$19.95. Harvard

TIES THAT STRESS: By David Elkind. The New Family Imbalance 260 pages. \$19.95. Harvard.

Reviewed by Douglas J. Besharov

NO one doubts that the American family is under assault. About 40 percent of

marriages end in divorce, about a third of all babies are born out of wedlock. As a result, say the experts, about half of all American children will spend at least some time in a single-parent home before they are 18.

America's children pay a steep

price for family breakdown, as Sara McLanahan and Gary Sandefur document in "Growing Up With a Single Parent." Based on analysis of data from various national surveys, the two professors of sociology show that "children who grow up in a household with only one biological

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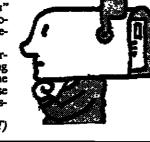
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• Siegfried Guterman, deputy spokesman at Deutsche Bank AG, is reading "Sofies verden" the German translation of "Sophie's World" by the Norwe-gian author Jostein Gaarder. Someone sends a 15-year-

old girl unsigned letters asking existential questions, and the result is a complex suspense novel containing the entire his-tory of philosophy."

(Brandon Mitchener, IHT)



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Up to now some people have childhood are twice as likely to dition of children. As the first as likely to be 'idle' - out of systematic attempt to disentan- school and out of work - in gle the effects of poverty from their late teens and early twenfamily breakdown across a ties." These are only averages, range of problems afflicting however. As the authors are children, this book should help

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books, "The Hurried Child." At all levels of our society,

Elkind says, many parents now place their "need for self-realization and self-fulfillment be-fore the needs of the family as a unit." They invest less of themselves in their children - even though they may spend more money on them. Divorce and out-of-wedlock

content, though, this book is addressed to the general reader

much like another of Elkind's

births are, to Elkind, simply at one end of a continuum of contemporary parental lifestyle choices that serve the needs of parenis rather than those of children. It was, after all, not so many years ago, that many parbeen able to argue that poverty, drop out of high school, twice as likely to have a child before sponsible for the declining consponsible for the declining considerable for the sake of the children and many young couples felt obliged to marry if

the woman became pregnant. Each of these books seeks to answer the same question: What should we do as traditional famcareful to point out, many chilily structures seem to be crumbling? McLanahan and Sandedren are doing just fine in sin-gle-parent homes. It's just that fur seem to think that the process is irreversible and that the government, through in-Their findings are likely to be creased economic support for a major force in the ongoing low-income families, must step in to minimize harm to children. Nevertheless, it is difficult to

Elkindthinks the solution lies recommend their book to the casual reader. While the very richness of its analysis makes with a change in parental behavthe book a powerful tool for social policy, its technical detail ilies "stumbling" toward a new balance between the needs of children and the needs of par-ents, one that integrates the mutual responsibility of the traditional family with the freedoms In "Ties That Stress," David of the contemporary family. Elkind, a professor of child

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Beijing to Moscow: Across Wide Open Spaces by Train

By Diana Bird

OSCOW - From mid-June into July, my husband and I traveled with a tour, meeting in Beijing to board a train at the Great Wall. We went north to Mongolia, where we entrained the so-called Nostalgic Istanbul Orient Express to be taken through Siberia to Moscow - accompanied by lecturers in a variety of disciplines and tour officials who planned our visits along the way and eased the hazards of international travel.

China, Mongolia and Russia all claim land that is so inhospitable that few people can be supported upon it and few can be persuaded to inhabit it. The Gobi Desert, which we crossed in China and Mongolia is that sort of land, as is much of Siberia.

The Chinese train that we boarded at the Great Wall stopped at the Mongolian border for us to change to the Orient Express at Erlian. A number of police and military personnel were about, and the other inhabitants often looked dark and tough as if they spent most of their lives combating the desert blaze and storms. Merchandise was displayed outdoors and there were dozens of pool tables at outdoor "pool halls." The business of train changing and, later on, border crossing took up half a day and half a night.

In the dawning light as we traveled into Mongolia, the severe desert gradually transformed into rolling grassland hills, as beautifully contoured as any modern sculpture. The sensuousness of the land formations, in some places almost entirely treeless, in others darkened by patches of

evergreens, was more appealing to me than the rugged mountains we saw in China on our way to Mongolia.

The mantle of grass that covers the land is thin. In places, the tan soil emerges; if great care in grazing is not observed and if heavy rains are not controlled with terraces, ditching and other means to guide and contain the water, erosion could damage and perhaps destroy the productive capacity of the pastures.

We arrived in the morning at Mongolia's capital, Ulan Bator. Here I had the oppor-tunity to observe a traditional society that has stepped far enough into modern times to please the tastes of Westerners. Comfortable accommodations are available in an up-to-date city, yet a Buddhist temple complex is filled with 20 chanting Buddhist monks in red robes worshiping in an atmosphere redolent of incense.

Here the faithful line up to purchase incense and holy water. Devout citizens bring money to the monks, one of whom is eager to help the crowd file around the chanting men in the small temple. Many of the monks are concentrating on songs recorded on pieces of paper covered with Mongolian calligraphy

Ulan Bator is home to half a million people, a big percentage of the country's population. More than half the city dwellers live in cement apartments, and there are many new tall apartment buildings on the outskirts of the city. A bus transport system carries the population around something of a surprise to us since we had come from bicycle-dense Beijing

At the national library are ancient

Buddhist texts from many parts of the Mongolian world. Boxes made to store these loose leaves are decorated on the top with exquisite bronze and gold sculptures. A museum displays reconstructed dinosaurs and the myriad wild animals that inhabit this large, pristine country.

This remote and exotic country may be on the threshold of radical change, but now one can still see the timeless grasslands with herds of cattle, sheep and horses, and their attendant horsemen, pursuing their no-madic existence as they have done since before the time of Genghis Khan.

S the countryside opened up to us for the thousands of miles we traveled west into Siberia, we were more or less constantly in rolling or hilly land covered with birch, spruce. Siberian pine and other sorts of evergreen and deciduous trees. Valleys of pastures and fields stretched toward the hills everywhere. Only at Lake Baikal did we see a patch of snow remaining, but we were told that in this region there are only 72 frost-free days a year.

Familiar wild flowers growing near the train track delighted us — lupine, night-shade, Queen Anne's lace, dame's rocket, bouncing bet, and many others. The weather was warm to hot every day. In some places a crop seemed ready to harvest even though in others land had re-cently been plowed for sowing, exposing a dark chocolate-colored earth.

At Ulan-Ude, the capital of the Buryat Autonomous Republic, our first Siberian destination, we visited an opera house, built in 1968. The seating is arranged in a

accommodate the most demanding productions. In this Siberian outpost, no one would have anticipated finding so accomplished a theater.

At Ulan-Ude, I began to feel disoriented - I had no understanding of where I was. I seemed "an inland castaway," as Robert Louis Stevenson described himself at one point in his "Travels With a Donkey." Analyzing this feeling as we went along. I decided it was a consequence of believing I would never be there again. There was something about entering Russia from Mongolia that left me hanging.

We traveled overnight from Ulan-Ude to Lake Baikal. A large stone had fallen on the track we were to take up the western shore of the lake and officials feared other stones might be loosened by the vibrations of the train, so we were routed to Irkutsk, about 45 miles (70 kilometers) away.

Driving around Irkutsk, we saw rem-nants of old wooden houses sinking into the ground because they were not built on foundations. The city was founded in 1661, where the Angara and the Irkut rivers join, the Angara being the only river that drains Lake Baikal. Irkutsk is well located as a Siberian trading center.

We visited an old church that recently had been refurbished. The ceilings and walls were decorated with illustrations of biblical stories and everything was more reminiscent of a European church than of the historic churches and cathedrals one sees west of the Urals, where icons and

hieratically styled paintings are the norm. And on another occasion, we were treated to folk music and dancing. I was

day to keep their society together. I thought the performers were fortifying themselves with the heroism of those courageous men and women who 175 years before had endured the isolation and privations of Irkutsk before their was a Trans-Siberian railway.

ROM Irkutsk, we were bused to Lake Baikal, but when we arrived near 5 P.M., we found the lake covered with fog. Fortunately, I had awakened at 4 A.M. when the train was approaching Lake Baikal, before the detour to irkutsk. I had watched for several hours as the train passed close to the lake and on some occasions seemed almost to be passing over its edge. Trees skirted the shore in places, but in others, dreadful industrial works marred the landscape. For a while, white rocks lined the shore and in some places there was a sort of beach. The water's surface was disturbed by scarcely a

ripple as the sun began to shine upon it.
Novosibirsk, on the Ob River, far west of Irkutsk, owes its importance to the construction of the Trans-Siberian railway. The Soviet Union converted it to a major military manufacturing center and a seat of scientific research. Its avenues are broad and its big buildings were built in this century. At the center of the city, 2 square is given over to a World War II memorial. Huge stone panels carry the names of war victims, and gigantic sculptures to right and left memorialize them and their bereft relatives. Over all, an immense stone sculpture of a standing. grieving woman is an affecting witness.

During a tour of Novosibirsk, in part to show us a monumental bridge built across the Ob, the longest bridge of the Trans-Siberian railway, our local guide told us that half the people don't marry, half of those who do separate, and more people die than are being born in that city.

Outside Perm, an electrical malfunction stopped our engine, causing wheel damage on several cars. We waited until a new engine was found and we were brought into Perm, where the train was disassembled. It was wonderful to see the readiness with which a night crew was organized to work in the rain to replace the wheels on two carriages, in one of which I was traveling. About 12 men, working all at once, with the aid of a crane, expertly and cooperatively accomplished this operation.

Because our adventure in Perm delayed our train for at least eight hours, an anticipated stop in Yaroslavl had to be omitted and we arrived in Moscow at 2 A.M. Upon leaving the train, I thought of Robert Louis Stevenson's conflicted emotions when parting at Saint Jean-dn-Gard, when parting at Saint Jean-dn-Gard, France, with his donkey, Modestine, Together they had walked 120 miles in the difficult Cevennes in 1878. Modestine made his journey possible, but she was demanding and confining too. He claims he wept when it came to selling her. In the early morning at the Moscow station, it was pleasant to anticipate a stationary bed and roomy quarters, but with that change, our journey was nearly over. I did not weep, but I had some regrets.

Diana Bird is a writer who lives in

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Un indien dans la Ville Directed by Hervé Palud

Steph (Thierry Lhermitte), a hard-pressed yuppie, is trying to fit in a divorce and remarriage between tall orders on the Bourse. He goes to the depths of the Amazonian forest, power-book in hand, to find Patricia (Miou-Miou). who has changed her name to Palikou and who introduces him to Mimi-Siku (Ludwig Briand), his son. The young savage wants to see Paris: The movie gets its laughs from scenes such as the boy ambling down the Champs-Elysées half naked in the midst of traffic, and climbing the Eiffel Tower. These anties have distracted his father. who makes mistakes in business and love, botching his affair with Charlotte (Arielle Dombasle), a New Age précieuse ridicule. Palud's efficient script works over themes like fake guru remedies for civilization's ills; of course marriage and children win out. The movie, essentially "Crocodile Dundee" aimed at 10-year-olds and their grandmothers, delivers, thanks to the energetic Lhermitte (who also co-produced). Lhermitte and Miou-Miou share a style that goes back to their cafe-theater beginnings; they know about tempo. Briand, who played Gavroche in Robert Hossein's "Les Miserables," makes a fetching little Indi-(Joan Dupont, IHT)

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the American comic actor Leslie Nielsen can save this perfunctory extravaganza from the purgatory of medi-ocrity. Carlo Vanzina, a director best known for light. mass-market Italian comedies, exceeds both his reach and grasp in an ambitious comedy that never gets out of low gear. Set 2,000 years ago in Imperial Rome.
"S.P.Q.R." was conceived as a satire of contemporary Italian politics. Boldi plays the part of Antonio Servilio. a magistrate from the northbefore the film is over.
(Janet Maslin, NYT) ern province of Mediolanum who comes to Rome to in-

vestigate political payoffs. De Sica is Cesare Atticus, senator and factorum of Lucio Cinico (Nielsen,) the mastermind and puppet master of Rome's corrupt political machine. The premise is promising, as are the opening 10 minutes of the film. Yet the script — which Vanzina wrote his brother Enrico - soon looses both momentum and direction. Is it a saure? A sex comedy? A historical farce? Or a distant mirror? Not even the director seems to know. "S.P.Q.R." drifts into a morass of stale, third-rate gags and painfully predict-

able plot turns. (Ken Shulman, IHT) Higher Learning

Directed by John Singleton.

John Singleton's caustic film about the racial and sexual prejudices that color life on a microcosmic college campus turns out to be an inadvertent example of the same smallmindedness it deplores. Everyone here, from beer-swilling white fraternity boys to rap-loving black students harassed by the campus police, can be judged at face value. Everyone is exactly what he or she seems. So a bow-tiewearing professor (Laurence Fishburne) is supercilious but wise. Surfer-girl blondes

are airheads and casual racists. Lesbians are sensitive and kindly, but radical feminists may show up at consciousness-raising rallies dressed as nuns. Nice guys wear condoms. Bad guys rape their inebriated dates. Really bad guys say things like: "We're white in America. What more do you need, "Higher Learning" plays like an entertaining television series punctuated by heavy-handed moralizing. There are enough little lectures to warrant course credit

LQ. Directed by Fred Schepisi.

The nice thing about "I.Q." is that its intelligence doesn't stop at the title. In a romantic comedy that mingles brilliant physicists with auto mechanerybody manages to seem smart. Most of all Fred Schepisi, the director, who has figured out how to get the absolute best out of his leading actors. Schepisi is so clever that his audience will have no trouble believing Walter

Matthau as Albert Einstein, and that's just for starters. "I.Q." features wonderful comic performances from both Meg Ryan, who is newly calm and composed here, and Tim Robbins, who is all dimples and slow, easy delivery. Oozing total sexual confidence, Robbins plays a mechanic who really likes comets, and Ryan plays a scientist who doesn't much like auto mechanics. And happens to be Einstein's niece. Another thing Schepisi makes easy to believe is that when these two meet, they fall instantly in love. One of the film's scientist characters says it best, speaking in the idiom that the screenplay renders most defuly: "Won-derful to the power of three."

Sweetness and Light by Lacroix meets-cowgid embroidery. Or the pale-pink bolero and bare-the-midriff top. Considering the tiny Lacroix atelier (30 "hands" to Chanel's

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ARIS — A standing ovation under a hail of carnations greeted Christian Lacroix for his exquisite watercolor collection, which ended the springsummer couture season on a high, sweet note.

Each dress was framed like an aquarelle against the runway arch: pale blue satin streaked at the waist with the mauve of a dawn sky; tulle misting a herba-

Paris Fashion

ceous print on taffeta; a nimbus of fabric floating saucily over the derrière; and lace, in the silver gray of wet Paris rooftops, sparkling with raindrops of embroidery.

The bravos that brought Lacroix back on stage were for the moth-wing delicacy of fabrics, textures, colors and embellish ment - which together created effects so subtle that they are difficult to convey even in pic-

"Now we know why we are here in Paris," said Joan Kaner of Neiman Marcus, one of the first to leap to her feet. "It was the most exquisite collection. It was light, it was frothy, it was divine. He will keep couture

How to explain the Real Thing in couture? In Lacroix's case, it is not about line - the point of the show was that the silhouette was nebulous, as a buttermilk satin bolero, soft as a bed jacket, slopped negligently off the shoulders of a ball gown. Or skirts just wafted vaguely, loose and light, around

Lacroix's couture is rather a romantic vision, expressed by fusing his creative imagination with Parisian craftsmanship. So one of the pallid evening dresses, touched with moonbeam silver, was actually made with tiny embroidered star-flowers. Cel-



Lucroix's gingham-checked taffeta dress, touch of lace.

ery-green gloves, themselves a work of art, ran up the arms, and from the ears dangled glassy jewels, as light as 18th-

century bijoux. Yet the show looked modern, in its way, given that Lacroix is an evening-wear designer, focused on the salon. Day clothes went with simple pants, as

though he were offering the hand-woven tweed jacket as the couture item and the rest as a backcloth.

Other outfits teetered toward costume. But when Lacroix made a ballerina dress, it was not so much theatrical as a young girl's dream of the ballet. with a skirt flowering beneath a bustier top. And his one wild splash of color — dusty pink, burnt orange and shocking pink on a bustled corset dress - was

a bolt of lightning. "I think couture should be a little exotic -- for a woman who is not especially a "fashion" person, and, above all, things that cannot be done in ready-

to-wear," Lacroix said. So familiar lingerie effects corset, slip dress and encrustations of lace - were raised to a different plane. Instead of displaying supermodel flesh, they suggested a sweet disorder in the dress, as black lace peeked out of a wrapped polka-dot dress or a black-and-white gingham taffeta revealed its lace

petticoat. Cutting the sweetness were occasional flashes of contemporary style, although they were not always the most successful outfits: a curving military jacket, or a blouson, with Carmen-

summed up by the ineffably French word "chic." Opinions are divided as to

whether couture has benefited from the influence of John Galliano, who elevated couture style to the height of fashion in his October ready-to-wear show. His witty takes on the feather hats, fitted bodices, wiggling skirts and stiletto heels of 1950s haute couture have, in their turn, been parodied in this season's couture.

This seems dangerous, for such insiders' fashion must be bewildering for both clients and magazine readers, who risk dismissing beautiful clothes as retromania. Galliano, attending a party in

honor of photographer Mario Testino, given by French Vogue, seemed to have polished his personal image in preparation for his hoped-for entry into couture at the house of Givenchy. The British designer had abandoned punk, grunge and kilt for his version of a sober suit (tailored skinhead jacket with checked Vivienne Westwood bondage pants). He denied that his collection was a pastiche, saying that it used the couture technique of cutting and stitching by which he is fascinated.

"It just feels right," says Galliano. "Couture is something that is in the air."

■ Sure enough, it's awards time. We've just had the Golden Globes and we're coming up on the Oscars, but forget all that, here are the food awards. Regis Marcon, a French chef from a village in the Haute-Loire region, has won the Golden Bocuse. The food in this competition may be full of surprises, but the outcome apparently isn't: France has won the biennal prize every time it has been allowed to enter (only every other competition). In a major upset, however, Belgians won the World Pastry Cup, followed by Japan and the United States.

A new world order, no doubt.

Herald Eribune

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

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Bargain Wines and Atmosphere

By Patricia Wells international Herald Tribune

ARIS - The wine prices alone will make you rub your eyes in disbelief, certain you're rummaging through some leftover bin at the supermarket: A refreshing, typically dry and crisply acidic 1990 Vouvray see from the vineyards of Mare Bredif, for 47 francs (about \$9). A festive and bubbly nonvintage Taittinger Brut. for 106 francs. And from Bordeaux, an intense, tannic 1989 Saint-Julien Château Lagrange — an unusual blend of 50 percent merlot and 50 percent cabernet sauvignon - at 98 francs.

Blink again. You're dining at one of Paris's hottest new bargain spots, the month-old Les Bouchons de François Clerc. In a city where overly inflated wine prices are taken with a Gallic shrug and an occasional rolling of the eyes, Clerc has begun a mini-revolution in restaurants, offering no less than 75 wines and Champagnes at cost. What's more, the list is a solid one, ranging from the well-known and generally expensive Coteaux d'Aix from Château de Trevallon (the 1991 is priced at 66 francs) to A. Brumont's explosive 1989 Madiran.

Château Bouscassé Vieilles Vignes (at 72 francs). And for those who like to simply sip and sample, some nice half bottles are worth ordering, including Gagnard's 1990 red Burgundy, Chassagne-Montrachet at 34 francs, and Chapoutier's 1993 Crozes-Hermitage "Petite Ruche" at 22 francs. The most expensive wines, at 250 francs per bottle, include the super-concentrated 1992 Saint-Emilion Château Le Tertre Roteboeuf; the rich and brilliant Sauternes - 1985 to 1989 - from Château Raymond-Lason, and Armand Rousseau's supple, traditionally made 1992 red Burgundy, Chambertin-Clos de

But beyond the wine bargains, Clerc's restaurant offers a picturesque Left Bank setting and an honorable 215-franc fixed-price menu that includes a lovely cheese tray plus dessert. The place does have that "we're just getting started" feel about it, as waiters confuse orders, and the timing is a bit off — a group of five may wait several minutes until each diner at the table has been served. But the waiters are aware of their bumbling and amuse you in such a way that all is forgiven. Situated in a beautifully restored stone-and-wooden-beamed space around the corner from Notre Dame. Les Bouchons feels as though it has been there forever, and you feel as though you've been a regular for at least a de-

The best dish on a recent visit was a whole duck - precisely roasted on the giant spit that juts out into the mainfloor dining room. Brushed with a fragrant honey and ginger sauce, the pouliry was delicately moist and had been allowed to rest just long enough to allow the juices to settle back into the flesh. Also worth sampling is the thick, panfried tournedus de thon, and a seven-hour gigot served in a pastry-wrapped crust. Respectable starters include a fresh escabeche of sardines (fried, then marinated in a blend of herbs, wine and vinegar) served with a strange "cake" studded with black olives; and a giant galette of lightly smoked salmon wrapped around a bed of warm potatoes. And the crusty, homemade bread gets a huge Bravo!

Les Bouchons de François Clerc, 12 Rue de l'Hôtel Colbert, Paris 5; tel: 43.54.15.34. Closed Saturday lunch and Sunday. Credit cards: American Express, MasterCard, Visa. 215-frunc fixed-priced menu lunch and dinner; 115-franc menu

Prague's New Restaurant Scene

By Florence Fabricant

RAGUE - In Prague, a beautiful centuries-old city that was relatively untouched by war, restaurants are set in medieval dungeons, gilt-trimmed merchant houses. historic beer halls and soaring Art Nouveau salons, offering a visual feast. But until fairly recently, satisfying the palate has been something else.

Despite the excellent beer that accompanies it, traditional Czech cooking, defined by slabs of meat and doughy dumplings in dense sauces, can be heavy going. And before the Velvet Revolution of 1989. the incentive to lighten, modernize and create went largely unrewarded. So did any attempt at refining the service.

But these days the tourists from the West who descend on this delightful, visitor-friendly city by the hundreds of thousands demand to be fed. They are forcing Prague to become a restaurant boom town. The speed of change is dizzying. At the House of the Golden Snake, for exam-ple, once Prague's oldest cafe, only the sign is left. The cafe is now a Chinese restaurant.

One bright new plant-filled spot serves blue margaritas, a ratatouille salad with goat cheese and pesto chicken, and a vegetarian plate called the Gringo. There is a Cajun restaurant, at least one sports bar and a French chef who is trucking in \$50 lobsters to lure the international expenseaccount crowd. Places like this one charging \$100 or more a person are unusual, but dinner in a good restaurant is no longer a bargain. Count on \$25 to \$40 a person. (You can eat much less expensively at the city's many beer halls and wine bars.)

The choice of Prague's smart set, Parnas, a spacious, elegant Art Deco restaurant in Stare Mesto, the historic Old City, is all polished wood, etched glass and dark marble, and is clearly at the forefront of the contemporary scene in Prague. The food is generally modern enough to be right at home in an American city. But would an American chef play the lush slices of medium-rare saddle of venison off against stewed sour cherries, so dear to the Eastern European palate? Caramelized fennel and roasted potatoes completed this fine dish.

Fettuccine with shrimp, a warm pastry with goat cheese on spinach salad, and perfectly cooked grilled filet of Norwegian salmon with a gloss of olive oil seasoned with chopped coriander were also commendable. A towering chocolate and hazelnut cake in a cognac sauce and a flaky apple cobbler were the finales. Even the mineral water was decanted into a pretty carafe so that a plastic bottle would not

Lunch (not served in January) and din- Trziste, tel: 53-93-25.



ner \$25 to \$42,50 a person. 2 Smetanovo Nabrezi, tel: 24-22-76-14.

There is an alluring, stylish intimacy about the pair of antique-filled rooms that make up David, a serious little restaurant a few steps from the U.S. Embassy in Mala Strana, the diplomatic and governmental hub of the city across the river. In a city where menus routinely run for pages, divided into Czech specialties, game, fish, international, vegetarian, etc., David's menu of what might be called contemporary Czech is refreshingly limited. It does not even offer game, usually the anchor of

A silky tomato soup, tiny lcelandic shrimp tossed with mushrooms, and baked, tender boneless roast saddle of lamb with spinach and cranberries. stuffed breast of duck with cabbage and plums, followed by pancakes with a warm, jammy huckleberry filling and profiter-oles drenched in chocolate sauce — all this made for a fine meal marred only by rather haughty service. Our waiter refused to replace rolls which, having been warmed in a microwave oven, became fossilized the minute they cooled, and was fairly insistent that we try the André rulandske, one truly forgettable red wine.

A la carte lunch or dinner \$14 to \$24.21

Nothing about U Zlaty Hrusky, a humble 17th-century cottage, on a quiet lane in the upper reaches of Mala Strana, suggests the refinement of the interior, save perhaps its lovely golden sign. The dining rooms. which seat 90 people, are on two floors. They are joined by a handsome wooden staircase and have damask-covered walls, carved fruitwood trim and gilded sconces. The multilingual menu, with nearly 100 dishes, makes good reading.

In addition to caviar, smoked salmon, foie gras, traditional Czech specialties, game and vegetarian dishes, there is a separate listing of dishes made with snails, including one with snail livers, and also a section of dishes "recommended for la-dies." The latter, not exactly what you might expect, includes tournedos stuffed

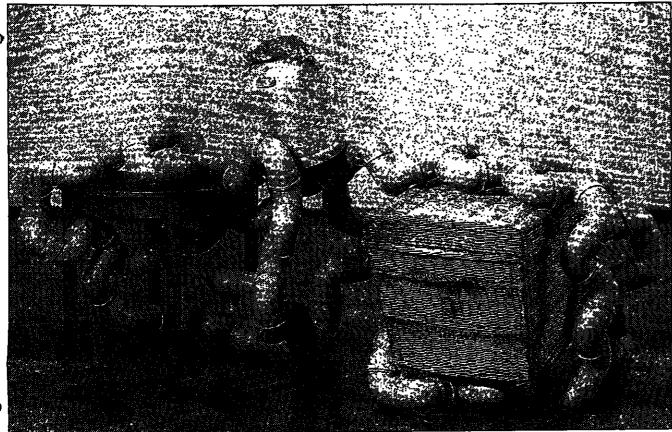
with brains, and lamb with rice and honey. But what should keep your attention is the roster of daily specials. In game season it might include a rich and gamy hare salad, a deliciously rustic goulash of wild boar and buttery venison filets done with a light breading. An intense dish of snails "Narbonnais style" are baked in a cream sauce generously laced with garlic. But an overwrought dessert called the Secret of the Golden Pear suggested a mad scientist at work with bottles of liquor and spirits flamed over fruit. From the extensive wine list, we ordered a pleasant 1990 Rudnicke zamecke. The meal began with a complimentary slice of good liver pate. The service was very professional.

A la carte lunch or dinner, \$20 to \$70. 3 Novy Svet, tel: 53-11-53 or 53-51-80.

TTENDING a typical 7 P. M. performance in one of Prague's exquisite concert halls or opera houses calls for a late supper. Dinner is served until after midnight in the cellars of Vinarna U Sixtu, which descend several stories beneath Old Town Square and seat well over a hundred. Tables in the rough-hewn, dirnly lit medieval stone vaults are smartly set and attract a mix of foreign and Czech customers. There are a number of more or less international specialties on the menu but tradition dominates. Hearty soups, like the garlicky potato-based ces-necka or a beef broth with dumplings, are among the best starters.

But the real achievement is the beautifully burnished roast goose. The rich dark flesh edged with crackling skin shares the plate with a simple, earthy pilaf of barley. buckwheat groats and beans, and some tart-sweet stewed fruit. Though this restaurant is worth a trip for the goose, the sauteed fresh trout is another good choice, best when requested without its baroque sauce of olives, almonds, tomatoes and onions. Pastries that are just decent, caramel custard and the inevitable palacinky pancakes, make up the dessert list.

A la carte lunch or dinner, \$13 to \$35. 2 Celetna, tel: 24-22-57-24.



Tony Cragg's "Perseus-Oltmans, 1985," in Rivoli. Italy, among 20th-century works from an Amsterdam museum.

BELGIUM

Brussels La Monnale, tel: (2) 218-12-11. A new production of Puccini's "Il Trit-tico." Directed by Stein Winge, conducted by Antonio Pappano, with Jose Van Dam, Sonia Theodoridou and Gabriela Popescu. Feb. 3, 5, 7,

Musée d'Art Ancien, tel: (2) 508-32-11, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 12: "De Vouet a David." 17th- and 18th-century French paint-ings. Includes paintings by Vouet, Champaigne and Van der Meulen.

BRITAIN

London London
National Portrait Gallery, tel: (71)
306-0055, open daily. To June 18:
"The Road from 1945: Makers of
Postwar Britain." A selection of portraits from the period 1945-1959. The
display celebrates the men and women who contributed to Britain's political, social and cultural history in the 15 years of postwar austerity and reconstruction.

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. To April 9: "Nicolas Poussin." More than 90 paritings by the 17th-century French painter from the early works to the later paintings in which landscape

came to commane.

Tate Gallery, tel: (71) 887-8000, open daily. Continuing/To Feb. 12:
"From Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites: Works on Paper." A selecpnaemes: works on Paper." A selec-tion of British watercolons which in-cludes landscapes by Turner, drawings by Rossetti and engravings by Stubbs.

CANADA

Musée du Québec, tel: (418) 646-3330, closed Mondays. To May 14: "L'Art Québecois de L'Estampe: 1950-1990." 120 works by more than 40 Quebec artists bear witness to the development of the art of printmaking in Quebec and illustrates major contemporary art movements (Surrealism, Abstract, Pop Art, Op Art, Hyperrealism, etc.).

DENMARK

Humleback Louisiana Museum for Moderne Kunst, tel: 42-19-07-19, open daily. Continuing/To Feb. 5: "Toulouse-Lautrec and Pans."

Centre Culturel Suédois, tel: (1)

44-78-80-20, closed Mondays.

FRANCE

March 12: "Argenterie pour l'Utile et "Silver and gold table ornaments and pieces of jewelry by con-temporary Swedish silversmiths. temporary Swedish silversmiths.
Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: (1)
44-78-40-86, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Feb. 20: "Kurl Schwitters." 300 paintings, collages, sculptures, typographical works and poems created between 1910 and 1947 by the German-born artist.

Mona Bismarck Foundation, tel: (1) 47-23-38-88, closed Sundays and Mondays. To March 25: "Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939)." Feathures more than 250 works, includitures more than 250 works, includitures more than 250 works, includitures more than 250 works. tures more than 250 works, including illustrations, photographs, paintings, sculptures and lea

Musée des Aris Décoratifs, tel: 44 cal or mythological themes. Modern 55-57-50, closed Mondays and Dutch paintings are also shown. uesdays. To April 30: "Reves d'alcoves." The bedroom, symbol of intimacy, of life and death, and of pain and suffering, is honored in this exhi-

Théâtre du Châtelet, tel: 40-28-28-40. Purcell's "King Arthur." Directed by Graham Vick, conducted by William Christie, with Jonathan Best, Veronique Gen and Claron McFad-den, Feb. 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19.

Neue Nationalgalerie, tel: (30) 266-26-53, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To April 17: "George Grosz: Berlin-New York." A refrospective of Barlin-New York. A retrospeative or 50 paintings and 250 works on pa-per. Grosz was a founding member of the Dada group in Berlin in the 1920s. His works depict life in his native Berlin and in his adopted second home, New York. The exhibition will travel to Dosseldorf.

Cologne Wallraf-Richartz Museum, tel: (221) 221-2379, closed Mondays. To April 2: "Maurice Denis (1870-1943) "200 paintings, drawings and art objects, ranging from small Nabi paintings of the 1890s to large complex figure groups in pale colors by the French peinter and illustrator. The exhibition will travel to Liverpool and

Schim Kunsthalle, tel: (69) 299-882-11, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 12: "Asger Jorn: Retro-spektive." Paintings, drawings and collages by the Danish painter. A founder of the Cobra group and a supporter of primitive and unsophisti-

Teatro alia Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60. Verdi's "Rigoletto." Conducted by Riccardo Muti, with Renato Bruson. Giorgio Giuseppini and Mariana Pentcheva. Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 4 and 7.

Castello di Rivoli, tel: (11) 958-7258, closed Mondays. To April 23: "L'Orizzonte: Da Chagall a Picasso, da Pollock a Cragg." More than 100 20th-century paintings and sculp-tures on loan from the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam. Features works by Dubuffet, De Kooning, Malevich and Appel. Rome

Camera dei Deputati, tel: (6) 67-601, open Saturdays and Sundays, To Feb. 26: "Arte at Montactorio del XVI al XX Secolo." An opportunity to see the interior of Bernini's Palazzo di Monfectiorio (now home of Italy's Parliament), and more than 100 paintings and sculptures selected from the chamber's extensive art col-

JAPAN

Palace Huls Ten Bosch Museum tel: (956) 27-0246, open daily. To Feb. 15: "Masters of Utrecht: 17th- to 19th-Century Paintings from the Coltection of the Centraal Museum in Utrecht." Paintings by masters of the Utrecht school of painting, with bibli-

LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg Casino Luxembourg, tel: (352) 22-50-45, closed Mondays To March 26: "Luxe, Calme et Volupté: Re-gards sur le Post-Impressionisme." Major artistic themes of the turn-ofthe-century are represented in more than 150 paintings, including interors by Bonnard and Vuillard, still lifes from Cezanne to Odilon Redon, landscapes from van Gogh to Valiotion and portraits from Gauguin to Ma-

NETHERLANDS

Hadgs Gemeentemuseum, ter:
(31) 70-338-11-11, open daily.
Continuing/To April 30: "Piet Mondrian: 1872-1944." More than 160 paintings and works on paper documenting the Dutch painter's creative periods: the early landscapes, Cubist works and abstract works. The exhibition will treate to Washington and bition will travel to Washington and

UNITED STATES

New York The Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesday, To April 25: "Kandinsky: Compositions." Forly works by the Russian artist (1866-1944) devoted to the body of work he called the "Com-position paintings," with many pre-

liminary studies in oil, watercolor, ink and pencil.

Vashington Washington Opera, Kennedy Cen-ter, tel: (202) 416-7890, Smetana's "The Bartered Bride." Conducted by Heinz Fricke, with Ann Panagulias and Mark Thomsen. Jan. 30, Feb. 1,

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On Jan. 29: "Marc Chagall e il suo Mondo tra Vitebsk e Pangi." Palazzo Ducale, Genoa. On Jan. 29: "John James Audubon; The Watercolors for the Birds of America." Museum of Fine Arts,

Houston. On Jan. 29: "Pharach's Gifts: Stone Vessels from Ancient Egypt." Metro-politan Museum of Art, New York. On Jan. 29: "Agyptomanie: Agypten and das Abendland." Künstlerhaus,

On Jan. 29: "Chefs-d'Oeuvre du Palais du Belvedere de Vienne: De Waldmuller a Klimt, "Musée Marmottan-Claude Monet, Paris. On Jan. 29: "The Italian Metamor-phosis, 1943-1968." Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York. On Jan. 29: "Charles Simonds." Jeu de Paume, Paris.

On Jan. 31: "Poemes de Marbre." Musée Barbler-Mueller, Geneva. On Jan. 31: "Turner Watercolours." National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh.

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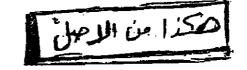
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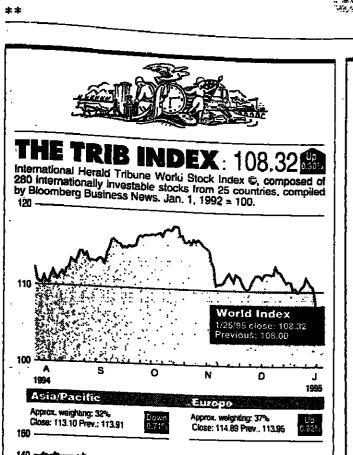
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Services	107.81	107.20	+0.57	Miscellaneous	112.73	112.21	+0.46

Crédit Lyonnais Digs Out Ailing French Bank Learns Power of 'No'

New York Times Service

PARIS — During the 1980s, the advertising slogan at Credit Lyonnais was "The Power to Say Yes."

These days, as the big state-owned bank claws out from under a huge pile of bad loans and ill-fated investments, the taxpayers footing most of the cleanup bill can only wish that it had more frequently said no.

With auditors just now getting a handle on the scale of the problem at the world's largest bank outside Japan, Crédit Lyonnais' chairman. Jean Peyrelevade, is negotiating with the French government on the terms of yet anoth-

The government last year put up \$4.4 billion of fresh capital, loan guarantees and other aid to keep Crédit Lyonnais afloat, and industry executives said the tally this time would be at least as much again.

Because the government is clearly unwilling to let France's largest financial institution fail. Crédit Lyonnais seems assured of surviv-

But the bank's vision of serving as the financial backbone of Western Europe has been replaced by a more sober focus on its core businesses: retail and commercial banking in Europe and commercial banking, capital markets and asset management in Europe, the United States and Asia.

"Part of the difficulty at Crédit Lyonnais was that too much importance was given to size," said Olivier Perrain, a spokesman for the bank. "The focus on size is being abandoned. But we are confident we can still be a player on a worldwide level."

Mr. Peyrelevade is selling chunks of the company's far-flung holdings, hoping to raise \$3.8 billion, and shutting down other operations and cutting employment by 10 percent to reduce costs.

International Herald Tribune, Friday, January 27, 1995

In the last year he has sold \$1.7 billion of assets, including a 19 percent stake in Adidas AG, the athletic shoe company, and a 65 percent stake in the FNAC entertainment retailing chain. On the block now are the bank's 125 movie theaters in Europe and its bank subsidiary in Brazil.

In doing so, Mr. Peyrelevade, who was brought in to clean up the mess a year and a half ago, hopes that Credit Lyonnais will be able to wipe away the memory of its mistakes.

Those mistakes included big real estate projects that later collapsed and direct investments in steelmakers, airlines and other companies that foundered in the recession. Altus Finance, the bank's investment arm, ran up big losses in 1993 and in the first half of last

The biggest lending disaster may have been the bank's involvement with Giancarlo Parretti, an Italian investor who persuaded the bank to finance his acquisition of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studio and then defaulted.

The bank now has \$2.5 billion on the line with MGM. Under U.S. banking law, Credit Lyonnais will have to sell MGM by 1997, and it is unclear how much of its money the bank

Crédit Lyonnais backed some winners as well. Along with a New York partner, it acquired, at rock-bottom prices, the junkbond portfolio of failed Executive Life Insurance Co. of California. The investment paid off handsomely when prices of the high-risk bonds bounced back strongly.

Good news, however, has been rare for Mr.

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Wellcome Rebuffs Glaxo **But Invites Better Offers**

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON — Wellcome PLC on Thursday rejected the unsolicited takeover offer made Monday by Glaxo PLC as inadequate but said it was putting itself up for sale in the hope of attracting a better offer.

Acknowledging that it had little hope of remaining independent since its largest share-holder, the Wellcome Trust, had unexpectedly agreed to sell its 39.5 percent stake, Wellcome instead sought to make Glaxo's offer the opening move in a bidding war among pharmaceutical companies.

Analysts said Wellcome's decision was almost inevitable, given the board's legal responsibility to seek the best price for shareholders. But they said Glaxo still seemed likely to prevail because few other drug companies had the desire or the financial strength to top its offer, which was at the upper end of valuations for the industry and clearly intended to discourage a drawn-out battle.

Big U.S. companies such as Merck & Co. were unlikely to bid, analysts said, and there was only a slightly greater chance of interest from among European companies such as Ciba-Geigy or Hoechst.

"Having looked at the balance sheets of competing com-

the capacity to pay at these levels," said one London-based analyst. "It's a pretty full price, and Glaxo shouldn't need to

weeten it."

er bid from either Glaxo or another company. Glaxo's shares
hief executive, said he was disrose 16 pence to 616. sweeten it. chief executive, said he was disappointed in Wellcome's decision and defended the bid as in the best interests of both companies' shareholders.

Russell Walls, Wellcome's group finance director, said there had not been any meaningful contacts with other possi-ble bidders. But he said that because of the drug industry's rapid consolidation, Wellcome believed other companies might come forward.

"Having analyzed the situation, we believe there's a good chance that there might be another hidder out there who can pay more," Mr. Walls said.

The combination of Glaxo and Wellcome, both of which are based in London, would create the world's largest pharmaceutical company and would be one of the largest takeovers in any industry.

Glaxo's bid valued Wellcome Glaxo spokesman said the final price could rise to £9.4 billion if all Wellcome share options that exercised. The offer valued drug company he founded.

panies, it seems they don't have Wellcome at £10.25 a share in cash and Glaxo stock.

> In London, Wellcome's shares jumped 32 pence to close at 986 on speculation of a high-

Analysts said a competing bid could not be ruled out, especially given the intense pressures on drug companies to consolidate as a means of cutting costs or spreading their costs over a greater sales volume. Governments, doctors, consumers and insurers are all pressing drug companies to keep prices down as the cost of developing new drugs is rising rapidly.

Underscoring the consolida-tion trend, Glaxo announced that it had agreed to acquire Affymax NV, a Dutch-owned drug-development company with its primary operations in the United States, for \$533 mil-

Analysts said Glaxo's bid for Wellcome was especially strong because Glaxo had all but locked up the 39.5 percent stake in Wellcome held by the Wellat £8.9 billion (\$14 billion). A come Trust, a charity that funds medical research. The trust was founded in 1936 by Sir Henry Wellcome, who endowed it with were outstanding in 1993 were 100 percent ownership of the

BAe's New Alliance Puts Pressure on Daimler and Saab-Scania

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - The consolidation of an overcrowded and unprofitable regional aircraft industry in Europe took an important step forward

British Aerospace PLC announced that it would throw in the towel as an independent marketer of the smaller commercial planes and instead link up with Toulouse-based Compagnie Avions de Transports Régional, itself à joint venture between Aerospatiale of France and Alenia SpA of Italy.

of the three partners, will control roughly 30 percent of the market in small turboprop and jet commercial planes. It will also intensify pressure on Europe's other two main manufacturers, and executives of Daimler-Benz AG and Saab-Scania AB said the consolidation that had begun with BAe and ATR would not stop there.

"We do not think this is the final move," said Hans Krüger, president of Saab Aircraft AB. "The business needs to be restructured and the number of players reduced." In fact, what surprised many industry officials

The new venture, to be equally owned by each to get out of the starting gate. "The fact that

there has been so little consolidation in recent years is surprising, but there are big interests, including government interests, involved," said Andy Chambers, an analyst with Nomura Research Institute in London.

The new venture bears witness to those difficulties. Although the relationship will probably deepen over time, BAe and ATR have agreed only to merge their marketing, sales and customer support activities.

That consolidation alone will mean 400 jobs lost at BAe and a charge against earnings of £250 and others was that it had taken Europe so long million (\$398 million) that will also cover costs of ending production of the Jetstream 61 model, maker controlled by Daimler-Benz.

which had competed directly with the ATR 72 in the 70-seat market and was estimated to be losing £50 million a year.

For a market awash, however, in planes from four European manufacturers plus others in Canada, the United States and even Brazil, the good news was limited. A BAe spokesman conceded the company has sold only 50 J-61s since the plane was launched eight years ago.

"It doesn't really solve anything in terms of overcapacity in the industry," said Leo Steyn, a spokesman for Fokker NV, the Dutch aircraft

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Bring Farm Subsidies Down to Earth

By Reginald Dale

TASHINGTON — The moment of truth may be at hand for some of the world's most indefensible monuments to old-fashioned protectionism: the complex edifices of subsidies and inflated prices that shield U.S. and European farmers from market forces.

For different reasons, the biggest farm-policy debates in years are getting under way on both sides of the Atlantic, and new economic and political factors are working in favor of freer markets. With any luck, the European Union's notorious, French-inspired Common Agricultural Policy may be marching toward its Waterloo.

It is high time. European and U.S. farm policies have for far too long given preference to farmers over consumers, at a cost of billions of dollars to taxpayers. and discriminated against lower-cost producers in countries ranging from Argentina to Australia.

As the world's two agricultural Goliaths, the United States and the EU have imperiously dominated the trading system, while constantly accusing each other of distorting international markets.

Their acrimonious battles have pushed other issues to the sidelines and held up world trade negotiations - most notoriously the Uruguay Round of talks, whose provisions are finally entering into force this year, three years late. But things are looking up. Despite a

hard-fought French rearguard action. the Uruguay Round has for the first time brought agriculture under international discipline, with commitments to reduce farm support programs and export subsi-dies. The EU has started to trim the Common Agricultural Policy under the so-called McSharry reforms of 1992.

Now pressure is growing on both sides of the Atlantic to go further. Plans to incorporate six Central European coun-

European and U.S. farm policies have for far too long given preference to farmers over consumers.

EU to consider far more sweeping, even

to farmers too.
None of this will be easy. In Washington the Republicans are split. Large numbers of them, including many of the feisty new intake in the House of Repre-

tries into the European Union around the turn of the century are forcing the

straints and the anti-government philosophy of the new Republican leaders in Congress are generating pressure to cut subsidies in this year's farm bill. If welfare reform is to go ahead, it may be politically necessary to slash payments

heretical changes. In the United States, budget con-

sentatives, are from rural areas. In the EU there will be bitter clashes

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both among member states and inside the European Commisison.

But it would be a disaster for Europe and for world trade if the current highprice Common Agricultural Policy were simply extended into Central Europe. That would distort the Central European economies and create huge new surpluses, making it difficult if not impossible for the EU to meet its Uruguay Round commitments. It would be a tragic irony to inflict the EU's biggest protectionist mistake on the ex-Communist countries just as they are struggling to create market economies. But it would be equally tragic to allow the CAP to hold up the EU's Eastward expansion.

The best solution is proposed in four reports commissioned by Sir Leon Brit-tan, the EU trade commissioner, just pubished in Brussels. It would effectively end the CAP by slashing or eliminating support prices, and compensating farmers

with payments not linked to production. The EU might even transfer responsibility for such payments to national governments - in much the same way that the Republicans in Washington are considering giving more powers to the states.

Keeping farmers on the land is increasingly seen as a social problem, not one of traditional farm policy, and over-production due to high prices is causing mounting environmental concern. New techniques are matching production more closely with demand. Even Japan is beginning to open up. There could be no clearer sign that change is on the way.

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Source: Reuters

Dr Pepper Surrenders to Cadbury Offer

LONDON - Shares in Cadbury Schweppes PLC bubbled up Thursday after the board of Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos.

The deal, if approved by stockholders, will make Cadbury the No. 3 soft-drink company in the United States.

agreed to the British company's takeover

Cadbury's stock closed up 22.5 pence, to 421 pence. It offered to pay \$1.71 billion, or \$33 per share, for the 77 percent of Dr

Pepper it does not now own.
"I like the deal," the food industry analyst Carl Short at the brokerage SG Strauss Turnbull said. "It's just what the doctor

"The acquisition of Dr Pepper/Seven Up represents a major strategic milestone for Cadbury Schweppes," the chairman of Cadbury, Dominic Cadbury, said. "The brand combination is a powerful and logical one in the largest soft drinks market in the world." the world."

Dr Pepper-Seven Up, based in Dallas, is the third biggest U.S. soft drink company, with about 11 percent of the market. Pep-sico holds the international rights to its Dr Pepper soft drink.

Cadbury ranks third in the global soft drinks industry but runs a distant fourth in

ada Dry and Sunkist give it 5 percent of the U.S. market. A combination with Dr Pepper would give it 16 percent of the global market, compared with Coca-Cola's 41 percent and Pepsi's 32 percent.

Cadbury said it would finance the offer by raising \$632 million from shareholders. The company will raise another \$177.6 million through an unusual arrangement in which it will ask shareholders to take

extra stock in lieu of dividend payments. The remaining money will come a planned preferred stock offering in the United States and from borrowing, Cadbury is also assuming \$828.4 million in Dr Pepper debt but says it can afford the

purchase without harming earnings per Last year, Cadbury acquired A&W Brands Inc., the U.S. maker of root beer and other products, and it expanded its Spanish plant

The merger with Dr Pepper will likely lead to a job losses in the United States, but Cadbury executives would not say how

many people might be affected.

Cadbury, which signaled the bid Monday, said it expected the effect of the Dr Pepper acquisition to be broadly neutral on its earnings in 1995, with reorganiza-

positive thereafter. Dr Pepper made \$156 million in operat-

ing profits on sales of \$585 million in the first nine months of 1994.

Michael Bourke, a Panmure Gordon & Co. analyst, said Cadbury paid "full price" for the company, "but it's worth it. Companies that can earn 30 percent margins are rare in this business.

The transaction should be completed in

Cadbury has estimated that it made at least £475 million (\$756 million) in pretax profit for 1994. That's after a £23 million charge to increase the Spanish operations. (Reuters, AP, Bloomberg)

■ Coca-Cola Co.'s Profit Rises 22%

Coca-Cola Co. announced a fourth-quarter profit of \$567 million, up 22 percent from a year ago, news agencies reported from Atlanta.

The world's largest soft drink maker said sales in the October-December period were \$4.01 billion, a 19 percent increase. For all of 1994, Coca-Cola reported a \$2.55 billion profit, 16.9 percent more than in 1993, on sales that rose 16.5 percent to

Gillette and P&G **Post Profit Gains**

NEW YORK - Two big diversified consumer products companies reported higher earnings Thursday.

Gillette Co., buoyed by increases in sales in all five business segments, posted record results for the fourth quarter and full year. Procter & Gamble Co. re-

ported a 15 percent gain in second-quarter earnings, attributing the performance to stronger sales of its consumer products worldwide. Procter & Gamble also said it

would record a \$50 million accounting charge against third-quarter earnings to help its employees and repair plants damaged by the earthquake that devastated Kobe, Japan, last week.

Gillette's net income for the fourth quarter rose 18 percent. to \$198.7 million. The Bostonbased maker of razors and blades, toiletries, stationery. household appliances and other consumer products said sales rose 11 percent, to \$1.80 billion.

For the full year, Gillette's net income also rose 18 percent. to \$693.6 million, on sales growth of 12 percent, to \$6.07 billion.

Gillette shares closed at \$74.125, up 87.5 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange. Procter & Gamble's net in-

come for the quarter rose to \$750 million from \$653 million in the same period of 1993. The Cincinnati-based maker

of Ivory soap, Crest toothpaste, Pampers disposable diapers and other consumer products said its international operations posted a 20 percent gain in earnings, compared with a 7 percent increase in the United

International unit volume jumped 15 percent, compared to just 3 percent in the United States, while international revenue rose 8 percent, compared with a 6 percent rise in U.S.

The company said its international sales didn't grow as quickly as unit volume because of price competition that resulted in an overall 3 percent reduction in international prices.

Procter & Gamble shares, closed at \$63, up 12.5 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange. International operations pro-

vided 53 percent of P&G's total revenue of \$30.3 billion in the year that ended in June 1994.

SEC Pushes Aside Nasdaq System Plan By Floyd Norris

NEW YORK - The Nasdaq over-the-counter stock market, already reeling from bad publicity from a Justice Department antitrust investigation and from studies questioning its treatment of individual investors, received another blow this week when the Securities and Exchange Commission turned

aside a plan for a new electronic trading system.

That system, called N-Prove by Nasdaq, was billed as an improvement that would make it possible for investors to trade at better prices than they now get. If Nasdaq had proposed it a few years ago, it might have sailed through, but in the current atmosphere of suspicion, the SEC appears to have focused on the possible negatives in the proposal. The SEC action late Wednesday delayed approval of the N-

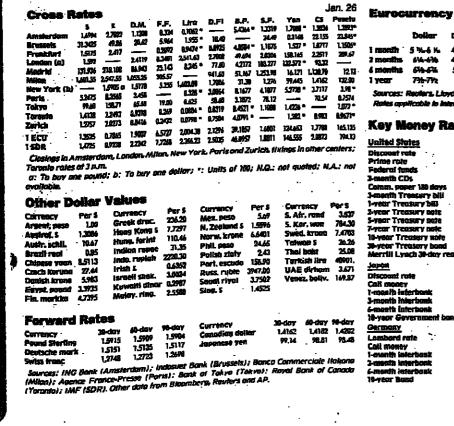
Prove system. The commission said it feared that the new system might make it harder, not easier, for customers to get guaranteed execution at market prices. The SEC indicated that it might delay any action on a new

system until current investigations of Nasdaq are complete. which could take months, and that when it did act. it would want some significant changes,

The commission also said it planned to remove one of Nasdaq's most cherished regulatory victories - a victory that made it harder for some speculators to take advantage of the current trading system and force Nasdaq market-makers into unprofitable or costly trades. If the SEC takes the step it threatened, it would be a major blow for market-makers, the heart of Nasdaq and the target of the antitrust investigation. N-Prove was to replace the current trading system, Small Order Execution System, known as SOES. While the new

system promised several improvements, the SEC was more concerned about rules that would make it more difficult for some traders to get guaranteed execution of orders.

The delay is bad news for Nasdaq — and for some of its customers. Nasdaq faces the possibility of going back to a system in which the market-makers could be taken advantage of by speculators.



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Stocks Mark Time **Amid Uncertainty**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - Stocks enda slightly lower Thursday as a decline in automakers' shares slight gain in bond prices. The

takeover activity. Investors also turned cautious before the release Friday of fourth-quarter gross domes-

U.S. Stocks

tic product data, which could determine whether U.S. interest rates will rise.

The Federal Open Market Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday to decide the direction of interest rates. Many analysts expect a tightening of 50 basis points, or half a percent-

age point. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 1.01 points lower,

But advancing issues outnumbered decliners by an 11to-10 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 312 million shares.

"The market's direction is no direction," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities. "We've just gone into kind of this death watch

until the Fed tightens by 50 basis points next week."

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Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average

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Stocks lost ground despite a official a stream of strong fourth-quarter earnings and a flurry of sury bond was up 7/32, at 96 sury bond was up 7/32, at 96 1/32, for a yield of 7.84 percent. down from 7.86 percent on Wednesday.

Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up, which rose 2, to 321/2, was the most active NYSE issue because of a takeover bid.

Auto stocks were the market's biggest decliners, amid concern that industry sales and profits are cresting sconer than expected. General Motors fell 138, to 37%. Ford Motor declined %, to 251/2, and Chrysler slumped 11/2, to 45.

Technology stock rose, with Cirrus Logic gaining 3%, to 27%, after the stock's rating was raised in response to strong earnings. Lotus Development rose 1 3/16, to 44%, supported by strong sales of its communications products.

Coca-Cola rose 1%, to 51%. after the soft-drink maker's fourth-quarter earnings rose 22

(AP, Rewers, Bloomberg)

Rate Uncertainty Keeps **Dollar Market on Edge**

Bloomherg Business News NEW YORK - The dollar held roughly steady against other major currencies Thursday as traders waited for a report due Friday on gross domestic product for clues about whether the Federal Reserve would raise

rates next week. The dollar closed at 1.5178 Deutsche marks, barely

Foreign Exchange changed from 1.5176 DM on Wednesday, and at 99,445 yen.

off from 99.525 yen. Many traders said they already expected the Fed to raise interest rates half a percentage point. But they added that a robust GDP report could prompt the Fed to raise rates by

still more. "If the Fed doesn't raise rates by half a percent, the dollar will be in big trouble," said Laurence Hayward, a currency trader at NationsBank of Texas in Houston, "People expect them to do at least that much."

The dollar will probably gain

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U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 4.6 percent or more during the fourth quarter. Mr. Hayward and others said. GDP rose at an annual rate of 4 percent in the third quarter.

The dollar slumped earlier in the session amid concerns that Congress might not pass Mr. Clinton's proposed \$40 billion loan guarantee package for

"The Mexico package is key, and the dollar will ultimately suffer if it doesn't go through or if it has too many conditions attached to it." said Peter Wil-son, a bond analyst at Nomura Research Institute in London.

The dollar rebounded after the International Monetary Fund said it had reached a tentative agreement to extend \$7.76 billion in loans to help the Mexican government remedy its financial crisis.

The dollar closed at 1.2760 Swiss francs, off slightly from 1.2773 francs, and at 5.2550 French francs, up from 5.2485. The pound slipped to \$1,5905 from \$1.5915.

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NYSE Diary

Cost-Cutting Helps United Technologies share, compared with \$136 mil. resulted in higher per-share

HARTFORD, Connecticut lion, or 98 cents, in the fourth earnings. quarter of 1993. United Technologies Corp. said Thursday its fourth-quar-The company said the recent ter earnings rose 21 percent due quarter's net income was reto cost-cutting measures and growth in the company's commercial businesses. United Technologies, which makes Sikorsky helicopters. Pratt & Whitney jet engines.

duced from \$172 million, or \$1.21 a share, due to charges related to an accounting change for United Technologies employee stock-ownership plan. There were 8.5 million fewer elevators, automobile parts and shares outstanding as a result of the accounting change, which \$1.00.

Sales rose 2.8 percent to

\$5.68 billion. "Four of our five business segments reported double-digit increases in operating income. year over year." said George David. the company's president and chief executive officer.

United Technologies shares closed Thursday at \$65,375, up

50 Million Automobiles Built Worldwide in '94

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An additional 1.16 million vehicles assembled at various sites in Europe and Asia were not included in the total, it said.

units, the association said, over management of Merrill in 1997.

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Strong Sales Bolster Whirlpool Corp. BENTON HARBOR, Michigan (Bloomberg) - Whirtpool Corp. said Thursday that its fourth-quarter profit from operations Corp. said 1 hursday that its fourth-quarter profit from operations rose 15 percent, to \$96 million, due to strong levels of shipments and sales. Revenue rose 10.2 percent to \$2.1 billion. no suies. Revenue lose to a percent to sharply higher Analysts said the results were mostly due to sharply higher N.T. N.T. 151.99 - 0.25 N.T. N.T. 152.99 - 0.25 N.T. N.T. 157.99 - 0.25 192.5 157.90 157.90 + 0.30 197.5 157.95 157.99 - 0.90 11,672 Open int. 103,540 equity earnings at the appliance-maker's affiliates, primarily those

equity carnings at the applicate hands of artifacts, printarily in Brazil and Mexico. Its stock fell \$50.125, to 37.5 cents; Horizon Launches Bid for Hillhaven

ALBUQUERQUE. New Mexico (AP-DJ) - Horizon Healthcare Corp. proposed Thursday to acquire Hillhaven Corp. in a care Corp. proposed Inursuay to acquire Findharen corp. in a deal analysts said would be valued at about \$1.4 billion.

The merger would create a health-care company with annual revenues of \$2 billion and would match Horizon Healthcare's long-revenues of \$2 billion and would match the services with Hillion. term nursing and specialty health-care services with Hillhaven's nursing home, retirement community and pharmacy-businesses. Horizon's proposal calls for Hillhaven stockholders to receive \$28 for each of their shares. Hillhaven's stock rose \$3.375, to close 320 for each of their analys. Interest a speck fuse of \$25.50. at \$26.25, while Horizon's fell \$1.625, to \$25.50.

McDonald's Reports Higher Profit

OAK BROOK, Illinois (AFP) - McDonald's Corp. said Thursday that its fourth-quarter profit jumped 17 percent to \$308.9 million over the like quarter a year ago.

Revenue rose 18 percent to \$2.27 billion.

McDonald's chairman. Michael Quinlan, said earnings growth

was mainly fueled by "expansion and value."

McDonald's shares rose 87.5 cents, to close at \$30.625.

MCI Boosts 4th-Quarter Profit 22%

WASHINGTON (AP) — MCI Communications Corp. reported Thursday a fourth-quarter profit of \$151 million, up 22 percent from the like period in 1993, after costs related to litigation, old equipment and new business ventures.

Revenues for the quarter rose 9 percent to \$3.4 billion.

For the full year, MCI earned \$795 million, up 37 percent over 1993. Revenue rose nearly 12 percent, to \$13.3 billion.

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The long-distance phone company took a charge of \$25 million to settle lawsuits dealing with 900 numbers and a \$63 million depreciation charge on old switching equipment.

Continental Air Prepares for Loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines said Thursday that it expected to report a \$41.9 million fourth-quarter loss and confirmed plans to lay off 4,000 workers as part of a strategy to

streamline the struggling carrier.

Continental said it had not calculated final fourth-quarter results ended Dec. 31 because of uncertainty over the impact of a \$400 million, nonoperating charge. The estimated quarter loss would compare with a loss of \$26.5 million in the comparable. 1993 period. Revenue was expected to be flat at \$1.4 billion. Delta Air Lines Inc. said its loss for the second-quarter ended Dec. 31 narrowed to \$18 million from \$141 million amid savings

from its strategy of cutting \$2 billion in costs by 1997. Revenue declined to \$2.90 billion from \$2.95 billion. (AP, Bloomberg) Celluar Sales Raise GTE's Net 9.6%

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) - GTE Corp., the nation's largest local phone company, said fourth-quarter earnings were up 9.6 percent, to \$650 million, on higher cellular

Cellular sales rose 42 percent, to \$1.54 billion, over the year. GTE added 754,000 celluar customers in 1994 - 313,000 of them in the fourth quarter alone — bringing the total to 2.3 million.

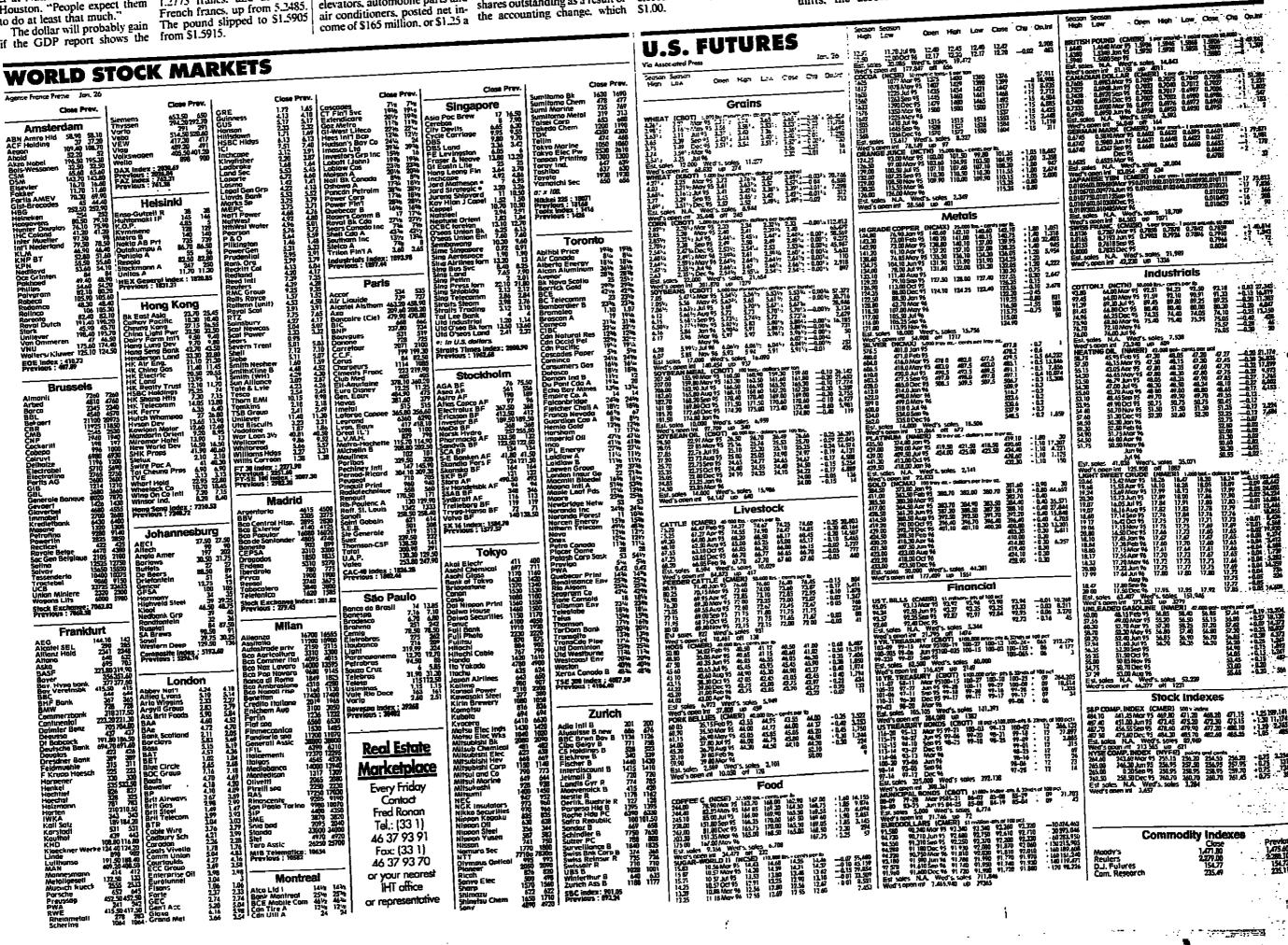
Disney Posts 31% Higher Earnings

BURBANK, California (Reuters) — Walt Disney Co.'s first quarter net income rose 31 percent, to \$482.4 million, compared with the corresponding quarter a year ago, while revenue increased 21 percent, to \$3.30 billion.

The company said results included \$27.9 million it gleaned from its investment in Euro Disney SCA, reflecting a gain of \$55 million from the sale of about 75 million shares to a Saudi prince. Disney's stock closed up 50 cents, at \$47.25.

For the Record

Merrill Lynch & Co. has named David H. Komansky president accounted for 35.1 million and chief operating officer, virtually guaranteeing that he will take



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Bundesbank Meets 1994 Money Target

FRANKFURT — The central bank said Thursday that measure. M3 money supply growth, its December to 4.8 percent annually from 5.8 percent in Novemkeep the full-year money

growth within its target range. But few economists expected the slower growth to prompt the Bundesbank to cut interest rates, as much of the slowdown was due to flows of money into

Dresdner Says It Isn't Talking To U.K. Firms

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatche FRANKFURT Dresdner Bank AG said Thursday it was not in merger talks with any of

three British concerns. Reports had said the commercial banking concern was shopping for a British brokerage house and had linked it to Kleinwort Benson Group PLC, S.G. Warburg PLC or TSB Group PLC.

But a Dresdner spokesman said, "We are not in talks with any of these three addresses." He declined to say whether the bank was holding talks with anyone

Warburg stock closed down 7 pence, at 747 pence (\$11.89). Kleinwort's stock rose 2, to 601, and TSB fell 8, to 241 pence. (Reuter, Bloomberg)

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main inflation gauge, slowed in meeting the target was expected Nevertheless, its success in to reduce criticism of the ber, helping the Bundesbank to above-target growth including Bundesbank after two years of an expansion rate of more than 20 percent at the start of 1994.

The numbers by themselves do not justify a change in interest rates," said Stefan Schneider, chief economist at S.G. Warburg.

The December slowdown in M3 pushed money growth in the fourth quarter of 1994 down to 5.7 percent, enabling the Bundesbank to keep growth within its target range of 4 percent to 6 percent.

If not for the liquidity moving into money market funds, economists said, the money supply probably would have grown at a 5.5 percent to 5.7 percent rate in December.

"The growth was better than the financial markets had been looking for last week," said Julian Jessop, an economist at HSBC Markets in London. But the money market funds were the big reason for the slow-

Nonbank investors in De-cember put 22.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$14.8 billion) into domestic money-market funds, up from 4.1 billion DM in November. They also deposited 4.5 billion DM in foreign money market funds, compared with 1 billion DM in November.

The Bundesbank attributed the flow into money market funds to an inheritance tax that took effect Jan. 1. The tax does not apply to money invested in money market funds.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Leapfrogging Technology Bell Atlantic Hops Into Czech Republic

PRAGUE — The Czech telephone company, SPT Telecom, needs a monopoly to give it time to build a modern network, Jim Burke, director for the Czech Republic at Bell Atlantic Corp., said Thursday.

The U.S. company is one of 10 foreign companies bidding for a 27 percent stake of

With the help of a foreign partner, SPT can "leapfrog technologies," modernizing its net-work and doubling the penetration of tele-phones to about 40 for each 100 residents from the current 20, Mr. Burke said.

In the United States, telephone penetration is about 50 to 60 for each 100 people, and in Western Europe, about 45 to 50, Mr. Burke

"We're leapfrogging technologies here, right into the '90s," Mr. Burke said. "We won't be taking them through all the intermediate steps the U.S. went through in the '60s and 70s, from manual exchanges to electromechanical on up to digital. Here they are leaping directly into fiber optics and digital

Such progress sounds easier than it will be, Mr. Burke said, In addition, SPT must improve the quality of service to its current customers, who often have to dial even local calls four or five times to get through. Millions of residents have been waiting for new telephones for a dozen years or more.

Bell Atlantic's position has always been that competition is good," Mr. Burke said. "But SPT has a huge network build-out they have to accomplish, and a competitor would not come in and try to serve the entire Czech Republic. They would hit only the major population centers. At the point when you have a modern network, then you can allow

Many of the bidders already have formed groups, including Royal PTT Nederland NV. the Dutch phone company, with Swiss Tele-com and AT&T, and Deutsche Telekom AG of Germany with Ameritech Corp.

■ Alcatel Group Wins Worldspace Deal A consortium led by a subsidiary of Alcatel Alsthom SA said it had won a \$500 million

contract to build three digital radio relay satellites for Worldspace Inc. of the United States, Agence France-Presse reported. Alcatel Espace said the satellites, which will

handle digital-audio broadcasts to the Americas, Africa and Asia, would be built by 1998.
The consortium, which includes Alenia Spazio SpA of Italy, will also provide equipment for ground stations linked to the satellites.

VEBA Seeks Cable & Wireless Stake

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches DUSSELDORF - VEBA AG said Thursday it would pay as much as 2.3 billion Deutsche

marks (\$1.5 billion) for as much as 10.5 percent of the equity of Britain's Cable & Wireless PLC on the open market. The purchase would make VEBA the largest Cable &

Wireless shareholder. Cable & Wireless said in turn that it would buy a 45 percent stake in VEBA's telecommunications division, Vebacom.

The alliance would be aimed services.

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The two companies said they would merge their European ac- privatized. tivities into a 50-50 joint venture that would be called Cable & Wireless Europe. It will operate in Switzerland and the European Union outside Germany and Britain.

The two companies said they planned to invest 11 billion DM over the next decade to build communication networks and

The deal is the most farregulation of European tele- reaching to date in Germany as communications markets contenders line up to compete with Deutsche Telekom AG, the state monopoly due to be

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Germany's Federal Cartel Office said it had rejected a hostile bid by Hochtief AG for a larger stake in Philipp Holzmann AG, another construction company, Bloomberg Business News reported from Essen.

London Market Combats Leaks With New Rules

LONDON - The London Stock Exchange is introducing measures, including the halting of trading in specific shares, to counter leaks of price-sensitive news announcements. The exchange said Thursday

it would make more use of its authority to declare the price of a specific share "indicative," which means that market-makwould not be required to deal in a stock at the prices displayed on electronic screens. It also could halt trading in

an issue for 24 hours as a last The new measures, it said in a statement to be released Friday.

"are designed to encourage companies to make timely announcements to the market when it is evident that pricesensitive information has been leaked."

Elf Reports Its First **Loss Ever**

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PARIS — French oil giant Elf Aquitaine on Thursday reported the first loss in its history, but the oil company said the loss was due primarily to an accounting change and said it expected higher earnings in

Elf. privatized a year ago, posted a net loss of 5.4 billion French francs (\$1.03 billion) in 1994, compared with a profit of I.I billion francs in 1993. The loss included one-time charges totaling 8.7 billion francs, among them a 5.4 billion franc provision for a new U.S. ac-

counting standard for oil assets. Elf said it wanted to raise 5 billion francs in asset sales in 1995, after raising 6 billion in 1994 that helped it cut debt by 8 billion francs, to 45 billion francs.

The announcement came one day after two major state-controlled French companies, Air France and Pechiney SA, the aluminum and packaging con-cern, reported debt-cutting measures of their own. Air France said it would cancel orders and options for 17 new aircraft, while Pechiney said it would divest itself of 10 billion francs in assets.

The French state still has about a 13 percent stake in Elf Aquitaine. Core institutional shareholders include Union des Assurances de Paris, Crédit Agricole and Banque Nationale

de Paris.

Last February, the French state sold most of its 51 percent stake in Elf to the public, giving Chairman Philippe Jaffre Jaffre a clear mandate to aggressively cut costs and refocus the company on core oil and gas, chemicals and pharmaceuticals businesses after the rapid expansion it underwent in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Elf shares closed at 378.10

francs, up 17.90. Elf's recent decision to sell closed a costly chapter in Elf's

North American operations. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Annual inflation in the European Union crept up to 3.1 percent in December after holding at 3 percent for three months.

 Telefónica de España SA posted 1994 net profit of 91.58 billion pesetas (\$697 million), up 7.9 percent from 1993, though sales growth slowed to 5.2 percent.

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Clark Equipment Co. said it would list its 50 percent share in VME Group joint venture on stock exchanges in the United States and Europe. Volvo SA owns the other half of the construction

equipment manufacturer. J.P. Morgan & Co. said it had laid off employees in Europe as part of a worldwide cost-cutting plan; it did not say how many

employees were affected. • Banco Central Hispano will sell part of its bank holdings in Argentina and Chile to Grupo Luksic of Chile for \$200 million.

• Demnark's unemployment rate fell to 10.9 percent in December from 11.1 percent in November. • The Netherlands' gross domestic product rose 0.5 percent in the third quarter, compared with the second quarter. Year-on-year growth was 1.9 percent.

• Norway's unemployment rate hit 5.5 percent in January, up from 4.6 percent in December.

Robert Bosch GubH said it had returned to operating profit in 1994 from an operating loss in 1993. It did not provide details.

• Industrial production in Eastern Germany fell 2.7 percent in November from the previous month because of seasonal factors but was up 21.2 percent from November 1993. U.S.-based Texasgulf Inc. • Dutch units of Cap Gemini Sogeti SA and AT&T Corp. are

working together to supply computer networking and telecommunications services to countries of the former Soviet Union.

Bloomberg, Reuters, Knight-Ridder, AFP, AFX

BANK: New Humility Takes Hold at Crédit Lyonnais

Peyrelevade, a Socialist technocrat who ran Union des Assur-

ances de Paris, France's largest Hoping to end the bank's woes quickly and decisively. Mr. Peyrelevade has antagonized France's current conser-

vative government by pressing for help just as Paris is trying to cut its support for ailing stateowned companies. The ultimate goal of the Credit Lyonnais cleanup is to privatize the institution. The

French government has a 76 percent voting stake, with public investors holding an additional 22 percent. As a result of former govern-

like Aerospatiale.

privatized, and are none too pleased at seeing Credit Lyon-nais, their biggest rival, being underpinned with taxpayer money.

Moreover, with banking long since having become a global business, neither Crédit Lyonnais nor any other French bank can afford to prop up other national industries at the cost of profits and international competitiveness.

ment policy. Crédit Lyonnais reasonably dirigiste," said one now holds big stakes in money-losing French industrial giants are also living in a market economy with international forces, Other French financial insti- and there are conflicts there. tutions, such as Banque Nation- We are now in the process of ale de Paris, have already been solving those conflicts, and inevitably they are being solved in

the direction of more freedom." A report this month by a group of French political and business leaders concluded that the Crédit Lyonnais experience "will not have been useless if it allows the French banking system to emerge stronger, better established and above all more useful in the long and complex transition from interventionism "We are still in our hearts RICHARD W. STEVENSON

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Expected to Help With Seoul

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL - The Hyundai group's move to streamline opcrations is expected to improve its relations with the Seoul government, which has blocked the conglomerate's fund-raising efforts in recent years, analysts said Thursday.

The government has long called on local conglomerates to stop excessive expansion and concentrate on core businesses. and Hyundai's plan fits in," said Chang Si Young, a senior researcher at the First Economic Research Institute.

Mr. Chang said he expected the government to remove red tape that had been used to deny Hyundai's access to government loans since Hyundai founder Chung Ju Young un-successfully challenged Presi-dent Kim Young Sam in a 1992 election.

Hyundai said Wednesday it would slash the number of its affiliates to 23 by the end of 1996 from the current 50 to boost its international competitiveness.

"The announcement is seen as another gesture to show how sincerely the group hopes to improve ties with the government." said Kang Dae Hyung an analyst at Daishin Securities.

Meanwhile, Hyundai said Thursday it had established a technical partnership with California-based Maxtor Corp., which designs data-storage products, to make hard disk

Hyundai said its main unit, Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., exchanged a memorandum of understanding with Maxtor on Wednesday to combine Maxtor's technology and Hyundai's manufacturing re-

Hyundai hopes to begin vol-ume production of Maxtor-designed hard disks this year. Currently, Korea's hard-disk drive production is monopolized by the Samsung group.

Hyundaı said it would build a plant in South Korea with an initial investment of \$63 million to manufacture one million units this year. The plant's annual production capacity will be expanded to four million units next year to meet the rapidly growing world market, a Hyundai spokesman said. (Reuters, AFP)

■ Kawasaki, LSI Part Ways Kawasaki Steel Corp. said it had pulled out of a 10-year-old semiconductor venture with U.S.-based LSI Logic Corp., citing differing long-term goals between the two partners.
Agence France Presse reported from Tokyo.

Under an agreement signed by both companies, Kawasaki will sell its 45 percent stake in Nihon Semiconductor Inc. to California-based LSI for "between 10 billion yen (\$100 million) and 20 billion yen.

Germany Ready to Court Vietnam

FRANKFURT - After lavishing a flurry of political and economic attention on China in 1994, Germany is set to serenade China's traditional Asian rival.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who is plunning to visit Vietnam this year, hopes financial aid and investments will help ease tensions caused by Germany's long campaign to make Vietnam repatriate 40,000 "guest workers" invited by the former Communist East Germany who refused to leave the country after the two Germanys united in 1990.

In an accord reached Jan. 11. Germany will offer Vietnam 100 million Deutsche marks (\$66 million) in development aid both in 1995 and 1996, and extend export credit guarantees worth another 100 million DM.

German companies, meanwhile, are taking advantage of the political rapprochement in a stampede to enter the booming Vietnamese market and to try to stake industrial claims ahead of their foreign competitors.

They have a lot of catching up to do. "Germany is among the weakest of foreign investors to date," said Oskar Weggel, an analyst at the Institute for Asian Studies in Hamburg. "We can be proud to have passed Luxembourg in the rank-

while German companies are increasingly interested in Asia in general, analysts say Vietnam offers those that are willing to rough it at the start a unique opportunity to make an entry, in advance of the kind of boom that has already transformed its neighbors. German exports to all of Southeast Asia have shot up more than 50 percent in the last four years.

The biggest foreign investors in Viet-nam to date are Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and Japan, followed by France, the Netherlands, Britain, Switzerland the United States. American companies are making a big push to open representative company would invest 250 million DM offices ahead of an expected normalization vietnam over the next five years in tion of trade relations.

Germany ranks 26th, with a capital investment of \$22.9 million representing just seven projects, according to the latest statistics from the State Committee for Cooperation and Investment in Hanoi. Vietnamese government and industry

Vietnam is like a mothballed Porsche ---"tighten a few screws, remove the dust, and it'll take off."

Oskar Weggel of the Institute for Asian Studies in Hamburg

States and Europe as a counterweight to economic colonization by neighbors in Asia, and Germany enjoys goodwill born of years of cooperation between Vietnam and East Germany.

"They were proud to be able to study in Dresden," said Mr. Weggel, noting that more than 50,000 Vietnamese speak German. "Some of those people are in important offices today.

German companies are lured by the potential of low-cost manufacturing, a huge demand for infrastructure development and a growing appetite for Western

consumer goods such as automobiles.

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG on Wednesday became the first European automobile manufacturer to open an assembly line in Vietnam. It plans to open dealerships in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City by the end of the year. Company officials said the local car market would boom within the next five years.

 Daimler-Benz AG Chairman Edzard Reuter said Germany's biggest in Vietnam over the next five years in projects ranging from automobile and commercial assembly to energy distribution equipment, airports and aviation.

• Dresdner Bank AG recently announced the opening of two representa-tive offices. Deutsche Bank AG is already there and is now applying for a welcomes investors from the United branch license.

• Numerous small companies in the German textiles sector, meanwhile, are moving in to take advantage of Vietnam's low wages.

"Vietnam is lower on the development curve in terms of labor costs and other things," said Hung Tran, co-managing director of Deutsche Bank Research. As a market, it is "not yet crowded" and is "poised to take off" as incomes rise, he

The minimum wage in Vietnam last year was \$30 a month, according to DB Research, lower than in all other emerging Southeast Asian economies.

Its population of 75 million makes it the 13th most populous nation in the world and the largest in Indochina. Its labor force is young — 39 percent of the population is less than 15 years old and considered to have a strong Confucian work ethic.

Mr. Weggel, the Hamburg analyst, described Vietnam as a "mothballed

Tighten a few screws, remove the dust and it'll take off," he said.

Detlef Boehle, an Asian affairs expert at the Association of German Chambers of Commerce, agreed. "There's a lot hap-pening in Vietnam," he said, citing demand for German or other foreign expertise in tourism, electricity-generation and distribution, sewage systems, reservoirs, bridge construction, oil and natural gas exploration and telecommunications.

"The chancellor's visit will contribute to the positive image of Germans there and improve the general goodwill," he

Semi-Tech Plans to Buy

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Very briefly:

Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-biggest automaker, has shelved plans to export U.S.-made cars to Mexico in the wake of the Mexican financial crisis, a spokeswoman said.

• Rover Japan Ltd., a unit of Britain's Rover Group Ltd., predicted continued robust growth this year through sales of new models and an increase in dealerships.

China's banks are carrying bad corporate loans of more than 600 billion yuan (\$70 billion), or at least 20 percent of current debts, according to an economist with the State Statistical Bureau.

China's special economic zone of Shenzhen will build a new industrial park, with an initial investment of 2 billion yuan, to attract foreign investors to its eastern coastal area.

Air China and Austrian Airlines AG signed a cooperation agreement to offer a joint nonstop flight between Vienna and Beijing twice a week beginning March 26.

• Malayan Banking Bld. said earnings for the six months ended Dec. 31 rose 36 percent, to 370 million ringgit (\$144 million), on loan growth and improved asset quality.

• UAL Corp.'s United Airlines unit may establish shareholding links with an Asian airline, Chairman Gerald Greenwald said in an interview, but he did not say which airline.

AFP, AFX, Reuters, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg

Pratt & Whitney Pursuing Taiwan Deal

TAIPEI - Pratt & Whitney is negotiating with China Airlines and Singapore Airlines on establishing a joint venture in Taiwan, the U.S. aircraft engine maker's representative in Taipei said Thursday.

"We're at that point where it's unapproved," Jim Martin, Pratt & Whitney's country manager for Taiwan, said. "It looks very good." He declined to elabo-

A report in Taiwan's Economic Daily News said the subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. would sign a contract in March with the Taiwan and Singaporean

carriers. Pratt & Whitney would own 50 percent of the venture, the newspaper said, and the airlines would split the other half.

The venture would spend 400 million Taiwan dollars (\$15.2 million) to build Asia's first maintenance facility for highpressure compressors, the paper said. It is to be located next to Chiang Kai-shek

■ Looser Investment Rules Proposed Taiwan's cabinet proposed easing restrictions on foreign investment in a move to liberalize the country's economy, news agencies reported. Under the proposal, foreign companies

would be able to apply for permission to invest in Taiwan's oil, power and railway industries, among others a manus others are a supply for permission to invest in Taiwan's oil, power and railway industries, among others are a supply for permission to invest in Taiwan's oil, power and railway industries. industries, among others, a government statement said.

The statement said the plan, which must be approved by Parliament, would turn Taiwan into a regional center for multinational companies.

Cabinet officials said Taiwan would increase government spending 9.9 percent in drive to expand its business. the financial year that begins iin July, compared with the current budget.

Tech's strategy of buying stakes in financially troubled compa-Prime Minister Lien Chan approved the nies, said James H. Ting, chief executive of Semi-Tech in Hong proposed budget of 1.13 trillion dollars, (AP, AFP)

Kong. Semi-Tech said it would acquire 95.9 million new shares to be issued by Akai Electric at 180 yen (\$1.80) each, subject to approval by shareholders at a meeting Feb. 17.

day it planned to acquire 55

Once the acquisition is completed, Akai Electric is to buy 17.5 percent of Sansui Electric Co. from Semi-Tech for 9.76 billion yen, in a move "strategic of Akai Electric and Sansui.

"Akai and Sansui should complement each other very well," Mr. Ting said.

maker, and G.M. Pfaff AG, the largest industrial sewing ma-HONG KONG - Semichine maker in Germany. Tech (Global) Co. said Thurs-

The purchase also is designed percent of Akai Electric Co. of to capitalize on Singer's world-Japan for \$173 million, in a wide distribution network and on Semi-Tech's stakes in other electronics companies, Mr. The move continues Semi-Ting said.

Akai, which makes audio equipment and video recorders, had a pretax loss of 2.26 billion yen in the year to November, its third consecutive loss, because of the strong yen and increasing competition with Southeast Asian companies.

Akai relies on exports for 80 percent of its sales and has a particularly strong presence in Europe, having transferred production of video cassette recorders from Japan to France. "Like other Japanese elec-

tronic manufacturers, Akai went though the difficult business environment of 1992," Mr. Ting said. The move "will put Akai on a strong footing to re-

HONG KONG -Goldman, Sachs & Co., which is reducing its worldwide work force by 10 percent, is planning to reduce its Hong Kong staff by 100 to 200 people, or up to half of the current

emerging markets and a slowdown in stock and bond sales.

Agreement With U.S. Possible, China Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELIING — China said Thursday that its dispute with the United States over copyright protections could be resolved.

"The discrepancy is not very big," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "So long as the two sides can settle this issue calmly and seek the truth from facts, I believe an agreement can be reached.

Washington described as positive negotiations in Beiing over U.S. demands that China protect software and

entertainment manufacturers from piracy. The lastditch talks aim to head off U.S. trade sanctions set to take effect Feb. 4.

The talks, which were to have ended last Friday, have already been extended twice, and an embassy official said it was "entirely possible" that they would continue Friday or even into the weekend.

Washington has said that Chinese piracy costs U.S. businesses more than \$1 billion a year.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

Indonesia Likely to Delay Telkom's Foreign Listing

Thursday it might delay the proposed international listing of Telkom, its domestic telecommunications monopoly, because global economic condi-

tions were not favorable. The country's post, tourism some point in 1995 but that

"We are watching very closely what has happened in Mexi-co," he said. "We are also studying the impact of the earthquake in Japan. These

about the timing."

tional telecommunications shares in New York in October. er Co., a U.S. sewing machine industry." (Bloomberg, AFP) But the gains those shares made have since been eroded by the international effects of Mexico's financial crisis.

Mr. Ave's comments came just after President Suharto urged Telkom to be cautious in its plan to float shares overseas after the economic problems in Mexico and the Kobe earth-

events have caused fluctuation we must carefully watch world on stock exchanges in various economic and financial devel-places in the world. There are opments," Mr. Ave said.

JAKARTA — Indonesia said

and telecommunications minister, Joop Ave, said he still hoped to float Telkom shares at economic conditions could affect the timing of the listing.

planning to go international so to the future business alliance we really must be very careful of Akai Electric and Sansui.

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staff, sources said Thursday.

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Miller Brewing Will Join In Beijing Beer Venture

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HONG KONG — China's burgeoning beer market got

another foreign entrant Thursday.

Asimco, the Beijing-based investment company, said it had teamed up with U.S. beer giant Miller Brewing Co. and other investors to spend \$100 million for a 60 percent stake in two Chinese breweries — Five Star, Beijing's largest brewer, and Three Ring, which is Five Star's largest licensee. The new joint ventures will produce 420,000 metric tons of

beer a year for the domestic and export markets. Miller will provide technical, licensing and marketing support. In entering the Chinese market through joint venture, Miller, a unit of Philip Morris, follows rival U.S. brewer Anheuser-Busch and competitors such as Carlsberg AS of Denmark, Foster's Brewing Group Ltd. of Australia and Heineken NV of the Netherlands.

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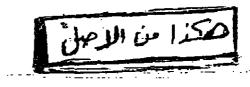
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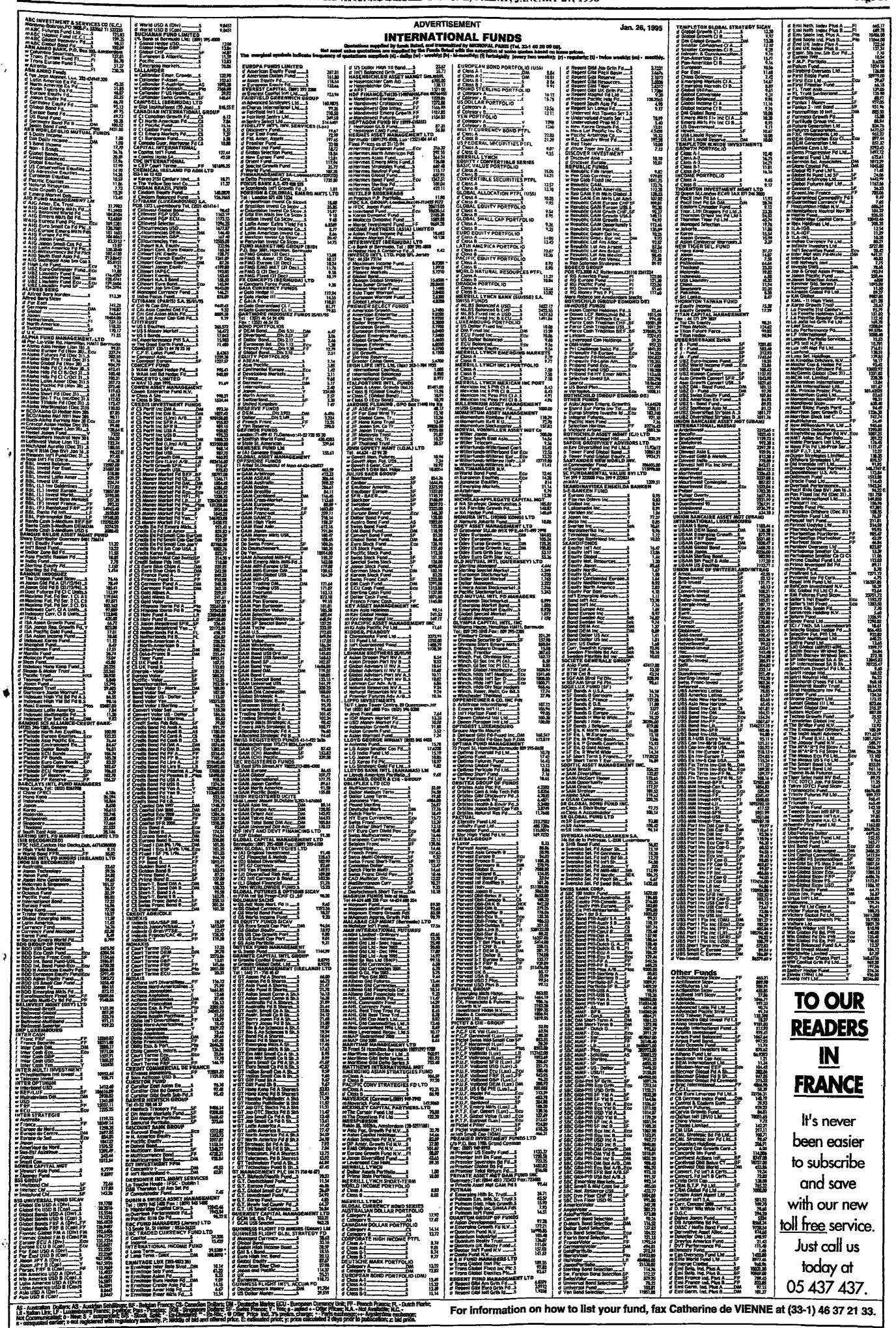
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Jean-Pierre Van Deth. director of Expolangues, a language fair held yearly in countries, especially the Paris, says that while In Europe, we must start small northern countries like France's proposal that secthe Netherlands, Belgium ondary students learn at least and Luxembourg, this is two languages provides an admirable goal, it will not be achieved right away for economic reasons.

Since the 1970s, English Even Britain and France. has been the most popular second language in Europe. "For science and technolomaking an extra effort. This gy," says Mr. Van Deth, "it

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ple must go beyond that and learn the native languages of their interlocutors in order to ment has a plan to convert understand them. English is a language school with 250 secondary schools into one of those languages that is useful for designating things, like the label on a bottle of wine. Other languages are more expressive more like tasting the wine.

> tasting other languages. The French must try to learn Greek and Portuguese, for example, to understand the people who speak the lan-

The final frontier Bernhard Roters, director of

CLIC, a language school in Seville that leaches Spanish to foreign students and English, German and French to local residents, explains the importance of learning foreign languages a bit differently: "It's one of the last adventures available to us," he and better, access to a counmy and its people."

Dirk Van Nieuwenborgh, sales manager for CERAN. headquarters in Belgium that has branches all over Europe and will soon have one in the United States, points out that while it may be possible to do business in one language, in order to be integrated socially, other languages are necessary.

Knowledge of a foreign language can also be a financial asset. A businessperson who speaks another language may have that extraedge that gets the contract signed, and a job-seeker with more than one language has an obvious advantage in any company that does business in Europe. Countries whose inhabitants are known for their linguistic skills can also attract industry more easily. Bernard Zagdanski, general manager

turing & Trading Company, a subsidiary of a major Chinese textile group, says his company chose Nivelles. Belgium as the location of its European offices and warehouse primarily for this reason. "We have a multilingual staff." he says. "Everybody here speaks four languages.

Theory vs. practice

The importance of learning foreign languages is obvious - the question of how best to go about it remains. The Eurydice study states: "In general, only half of those who learn a foreign language speak it well enough to hold a conversation," and adds that in the EU, "one-third of young people [15-24] today are incapable of conversing in a foreign language, although 89 percent have been taught at least one.

According to Mr. Van Deth, there is no easy way to learn another language. He points to Luxembourg. where foreign languages are taught beginning at the age of six, as an ideal, "There," and culture, "It is probably the language is not learned more important to go to the n isolation." he says, "It serves as a means of communication for courses in other subjects." He says it is preferable to study a language for half an hour a day rather than three hours once weekly because it keeps the language in mind and makes it easier to think sponta-

neously in it. For those who need to

SHIFTING RANKINGS

English still tops the charts, but German's on the rise.

In the 1970s, a language boom began in Europe. and as a result, the younger generation has a much higher language literacy than older people. According to a study conducted by the European Union's Eurydice program, in 1994 only 21 percent of those 55 and older had learned English, while 65 percent of 15 to 24 years alder had learned English, while 65 percent of cent of 15-to-24-year-olds had studied it.

sic conversations after two English is a good example because it is the most popular foreign language studied in Europe, at both the primary and secondary levels. An amazing 83 percent of secondary school students in the EU were learning English in 1991-92.

ment for the courses offered at CERAN, where students The study of other foreign languages has increased along with that of English in the past two decades. French is numlive, and often dream, in the language, spending the enber two in popularity in every EU country except Denmark tire day with their profesand the Netherlands, where German takes that honor, and Britain and Ireland, where French is the foreign language of sors, from \$ A.M. to 10 or 11 P.M., and speaking nothchoice. While French still holds a prominent place in the ing but the language they are learning. This effective but language puntheon, however, it is losing ground in Spain, where fewer young people are learning it.

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German comes in number three in Europe, with most students inhabitants of its North European neighbors. In Greece. Spain, Portugal and Italy, there was little interest in German as a foreign language at the beginning of the 1990s, but Bernhard Roters of CLIC, a Seville-based language school, says that German is now competing with French for second place after English among Spanish students at his school.

In France, German and Spanish follow English in popularity. In Ireland, the study of German has increased dramatically, with some 26 percent of young people learning the

language.
Frank Gillard, director of the Institut für Fremdsprachen und Auslandskunde bei der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg in Bavaria, says that while English continues to draw the largest number of students, "we're witnessing a decline in demand for French, and Spanish is gaining in popularity." He says that if only one foreign language is going to be learned, it should be English.

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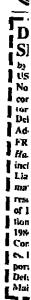
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guage fair now in its 13th year, provides a forum for language professionals to share information and expertise. It is also open to the public, which comes in droves to discover how

to improve its language skills. "The French have a reputation for not learning languages," says the fair's director, Jean-Pierre Van Deth, "but in reality they are interested. We are looking for ways to encourage them to learn.

The theme of this year's fair is Ger-

Expolangues, the Paris lan-many and the German language, and cert by Ute Lemper organized by the some 220 square meters of exhibition space will be devoted to the country's language and culture. The air will ring with some 40 different languages. however, and throughout the show. there will be dozens of conferences, meetings and demonstrations on topics ranging from CD-ROMs to Greek as a key language for doing business in Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

At the same time, an international cultural festival presents a smorgasbord of performing arts. Highlights of this year's Expolangues include a con-

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Goethe Institute, a performance of "Dracula" in English and a performance piece centering on Akua-Ba, the symbol of femininity, beauty and fertility of the Akan people of Ghana and the Côte-d'Ivoire.

The show will take place at Paris's Grande Halle de la Villette, It is open to the public Jan. 28-Feb. I. More than 300 exhibitors will be on hand to greet the 40,000 visitors expected. The entry fee is 40 francs for the public, 30 francs for students and free for teachers and children up to the age of nine. H.E.

AN ESSENTIAL SKILL FOR MANAGERS

A knack for languages is becoming as essential a skill for Euromanagers as a head for numbers.

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the top 10 institutions of its kind in Europe, made the ability to speak a language in addition to English an exit requirement for graduates in its MBA program. The move points the way to a commercial world where linguistic skills are viewed as a vital and necessary part of any competent manager's business armory. Although English remains the leading global lan-guage for business communications, far from all junior European workers speak it, so mobile Euromanagers need to

have two, three or even four languages at their disposal.

Peter Johnston, Mobil Oil's London-based human-resources manager, puts it in a nutshell: "It's a great marketing advantage if you can at least start a conversation in your customer's language - even if most businesspeople, especially

in Europe, have good English anyway." He considers that substantially more graduates entering Mobil have a language ability beyond English compared with 10 years ago. "Almost half our engineers have taken language courses at university, and among other graduates it's well over half," he says. "If our graduate managers go on overseas assignments, we like to immerse them in that particular foreign language beforehand by sending them to a specialist external school for a month. They learn to speak the language well, but the difficulty comes in writing. However, as a U.S. company, we use English for internal communication, so the written word is normally English."

At Chase Manhattan (Europe), graduate recruitment man-ager Tracey Barr explains that the bank actively encourages its staff to acquire language skills, with the most need for German, Italian, French and Spanish - in that order. "Many of our graduate applicants from Continental Europe possess four languages: their mother tongue and English, plus two more at a relatively high standard of competence. British applicants may have a second language if we're lucky."

Chase Manhattan's London offices offer free classes in the

Last year, the London Business School, one of four main European languages other than English during lunchtime and after work in the evening. "Languages are becoming more important, and you have to be truly exceptional to succeed without them," says Ms. Barr.

Not all international corporations adopt such a progressive language policy. IBM in Southampton, south England, reserves limited language training for just those employees going to countries where they want to talk to nationals who

cannot speak English. An IBM spokesperson says: "Foreign language skills are not rated at all highly where recruitment is concerned. When we hire someone, we're primarily looking at their academic ability as it relates directly to the job vacancy. Few people

are sent for foreign language tuition from Southampton."

Overall, however, the tide is flowing strongly in the direction of multilingualism. According to the Association of Graduate Recruiters in Britain: "All business schools offering MBA studies should include a foreign language option within their program, but under 5 percent of U.K. entrants to those courses possess first degrees in languages.

Many European business schools provide MBA programs that are bilingual. Italy's SNA Bocconi in Milan advertises a bilingual postgraduate degree in Italian and English, although all instruction is in the latter. Spain's Navarra University in Barcelona offers its MBA students the chance of becoming fluent in Spanish and English, while the ESADE school of management, also in Barcelona, allows first-year students to be taught in Spanish, English or both.

At Warwick Business School in Britain, virtually all MBA

students study at least one language at the university's lanuage center, where the selection on offer runs to Cantonese. Mandarin and Japanese. The school's administrative director, Bill Manuel, says: "One of the big criteria for employers is added value in personal skills. Often they come to us asking for candidates with two languages plus English."

disguised propaganda, and guages, being relegated to a Eastern Europe's swelling tage. Their numbers were so ma, with local schools like with attractive, interesting perennial third place behind ranks of fledgling managers great that local institutes the Austro-American Insticontent. A large part consists of helping formulate entire

curricula and such new [to the region] subjects as German for specific purposes such as business administration and marketing."

Extra business clout The typical learners of German in the past were students heading toward studies in Germany, plus a sprinkling of tourists and execu-tives. What they learned hadn't changed much over the decades, starting with the indefinite articles and ending with excerpts from Goethe. Nor was German one of Europe's go-go lan-

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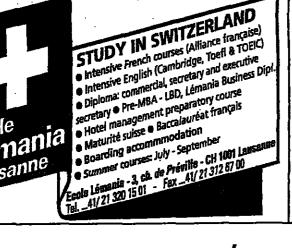
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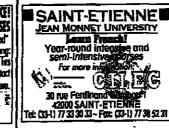
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Chargers Face Daunting Task in Stopping 49ers

By Dave Sell

Washington Past Service MIAMI — The San Francisco 49ers, who know about rain, flooded the National Football League with points this season. If the San Diego Chargers are to pull off the biggest upset in Su-per Bowl history Sunday night. they will have to find a sandbag or two.

The 49ers' second-year fullback, William Floyd, wondered if even those reinforcements would help the Chargers.

was only three times, they turned the ball over. Eleven "No one can stop this offense, but I won't say San Diego can't," Floyd said, trying to toe that elusive line between forthright commentary and Super Bowl braggadocio.

You got an army anywhere near here?" Floyd said, when will have to do it against an experienced offensive line that asked about the way to stop the 49ers. "We're on a roll right now. We feel good about everything on offense. It's not a case of being overconfident. It is a confidence in ourselves to be able to go out and do the job. We've worked so hard for this."

The 49ers do have a multitude of ways to defeat opponents. Unlike the National Football Conference Eastern Division teams that won Super Bowls, the 49ers rely on the pass more than the run. Yet, there is enough balance and potency in the running game to hurt opponents in either fashion.

"This team enjoys run blocking," said tackle Harris Barton. and Dwayne Harper have not "Most offensive linemen like to run block, but we have our expertise in pass blocking. That's 228.3 passing yards per game. our thing. With Jerry Rice, John Taylor, Ricky Watters, Brent Jones, we know how the foot- give up that many yards our ball is moved in San Francisco chances of winning are slim and and it's through the air."

The Chargers' front seven are The Chargers' strength on defense is stopping the run. formidable. Defensive end Les-They were fifth in the NFL in lie O'Neal was second in the that department, allowing an AFC with 124: sacks. But by the average of 87.8 yards per game. time he charges around the end. They got here by forcing the the 49ers' quarterback, Steve Pittsburgh Steelers - who had Young, is not likely to have the the top-ranked running attack ball because a key part of the passing attack is the quick - to shift to passing. The Steelers gained 349 yards that way throw. but lost the American Football

The quick passing game is
Conference championship 25 percent of their game plan."

Until House but lost the American Football 25 percent of their game plan.

Richard said. "You concentrate on eliminating the quick pass.

Then you concentrate on shut.

"That was a great idea to take on eliminating the quick pass. that away and make them do Then you concentrate on shutthings they were not comfort- ting down the run, that's about able doing," said Jones, the 30 to 40 percent of their offense. 49ers' tight end, who had 49 receptions in the regular season. trate on that are more than half While the Steelers moved the of their offense. ball, they never really put it in the end zone" after an early touchdown. "That's the key to this whole thing. I think our offense is balanced enough to overcome that."

Actually, the 139 yards rushing the 49ers got in the NFC something else, you have a good championship victory over Dallas was not that extraordinary, given what the Cowboys allowed at other points this sea- centration.

Hit Slick Spot The Associated Press Retaining the Stanley Cup championship, the New York Rangers are finding out, could be tougher than winning it. "Every goalie has been on his game the first four games and every team has come

son. But the 49ers have been

able to mix the run and pass

better than any other team this

they ran more than they passed.

Yet, in six games, the number of

running plays and passing plays were within three of each other.

aspects of their success is the

thythm of their offense," said

the Chargers' coach, Bobby

times in those three games. If

the Chargers cause a few early

turnovers, this might still be a

game after the elaborate half-

time show. The Chargers' line-

backer, Junior Seau, can cause

that sort of havoc, though he

is used to complicated schemes.

"They give Junior a lot of opportunities to freelance and

you have to account for number 55 no matter where he is." Bar-

ton said. "He comes from the

secondary, the side and up the

middle, so you've got to watch where he's at. When you do

that, you can tend to lose focus

But the Chargers' pass de-fense was only 22d in the NFL

this season. Free safety Stanley

been the strength of the de-

fense. The Chargers allowed

"We're playing a team that

likes to pass the ball and if we

You have two things to concen-

"Then you have the deep pass, which is about 10 to 15

"If you can concentrate on

shutting down one thing they do well, take that out of their

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chance to win the football

That's asking for a lot of con-

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percent of the offense.

none," Richard said.

on the guy you're blocking."

When the 49ers lost, and that

"One of the more amazing

season. Of their 18 games, in 10

in pumped up for us," said the defenseman Jay Wells following a 3-2 loss to Pittsburgh on Wednesday night. The defending National Hockey League champions now have a 1-3 record

Cup Finalists

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

this short season, and have played all four games at home. They have so far come up short despite outshooting the opposition, 146-115.

We've had a lot of chances in the last four games, especially when the game is on the line," said their captain, Mark Messier. "We're playing well, we're playing hard, we're just not converting our chances offensively."

It hasn't been any easier for the Vancouver Canucks, the other Stanley Cup finalist last season. They have only a tie to show for their first four games following a 6-2 loss to Toronto on Wednesday

Kevin Stevens scored at 4:21 of the final period as the Penguins handed the Rangers their third one-goal defeat and completed their three-game road trip

with a third straight victory.

Stevens broke a 2-2 tie when he scored his second goal of the season on a re-bound of Ulf Samuelsson's shot. Ken Wregget outplayed Mike Richter

in goal, making 39 saves as the Rangers outshot the Penguins, 41-29.
In Toronto, Mike Gartner's two goals helped the Maple Leafs get their first victory of the season.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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They outshot Vancouver, 44-26, with a Makarov got his first two goals this season as San Jose defeated visiting Winnipeg. 15-6 advantage in the third.
"We're not a good team right now,
obviously," said Vancouver's captain.
Trevor Linden. "We're not doing the

game.' Sharks 4, Jets 0: Arturs Irbe stopped 28 crossed the goal line as the p shots for his fifth NHL shutout and Sergei tenth of a second expired.

but a replay showed the 80-foot shot crossed the goal line as the period's last

SIDELINES

Clinton Urges New Baseball Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton told his special mediator Thursday to try to get major league baseball's owners and players back to the bargaining table, and warned that the government may offer its own proposal if the stalemate isn't soon

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"It's time to 'play ball,' " Clinton said in a statement issued by

He said he had asked the special mediator, W.J. Usery, 10 the White House. resume negotiating sessions and "step up the pace and intensity of his mediation efforts." However, Usery does not have the authority to force negotiations on the parties.

Hallberg Leads by Stroke in Manila

MANILA (AP) — Mats Hallberg of Sweden shot Junder-par 69 Thursday in windy conditions to hold a one-stroke lead after the first round of the PGA European Tour's Johnnie Walker

Five players card 70 on the 7,016-yard Orchard Golf and Country Club course: Andrew Coltart of Scotland, Joakim Hargmann of Sweden, Paul Eales of England, Marimutha Ramayah of Malaysia and Silvio Grapassoni of Italy.

Nick Price the world's top rapided player was at 71 and 12.

Nick Price, the world's top-ranked player, was at 71 and Fred Couples, who won last week's Dubai Desert Classic, was three back and tied with defending champion Greg Norman. Seve Ballesteros and Colin Montgomerie opened with 73s and Bernhard Langer shot a 74.

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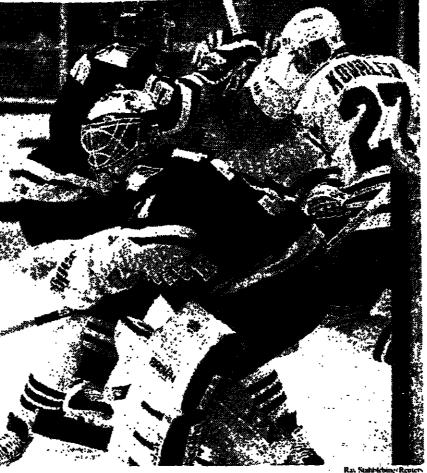
Gary Stevens, the third-leading jockey in the United States last year with earnings of more than \$12 million, said he had signed a "lucrative, guaranteed contract" with trainer Steve Leungwill to

ride in Hong Kong for the next 4½ months.

Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann, two developers, reached an agreement to buy the Oakland Athletics in a deal that would keep the team at the Oakland Coliseum the next 10 years. Details were

Jürgen Klinsmann, Tottenham's German striker who was kicked in the head and knocked unconscious during Wednesday night's match at Aston Villa, may recover in time to play this

Scottle Pippen, the Chicago Bulls' fiery forward, was suspended one game without pay and fined \$6,000 by the NBA for throwing (*) a chair across the court after being ejected in a loss to Sai :: (AP)



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Ken Wregget was a busy man, but outplayed New York's Mike Richter.

little things it takes to win a hockey

Irbe kept his shutout with an assist from the replay official. Stephane Quin-tal slapped a shot from mid-ice between Irbe's legs as the second period ended,

Richard is a very good player and will be a free agent - but cornerbacks Darrien Gordon SCOREBOARD

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Top 25 College Results

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13) 61-62. Next: vs. Kombos State. Saturday: 15. Virginia (11-5, 5-2) lost to No. 16 Woke Forest 77-70. Next: vs. George Mason. Soturday: 16 Wake Forest (11-3, 4-2) beat No. 15 Virginia 71-70. Next: vs. No. 3 North Caralina, Sciurday. 21, Georgis Tech (12-6.3-1) beat North Caro-line State (10-6. 2-4) 75-71. Next: at Florida State. Sunday: 22. Villanova (12-5. 5-2) beat Migml (8-6, 3-4) 92-62. Next: vs. Providence. Saturday: 22 Florids (9-6, 3-3) lost to Auburn (11-5, 4-3) 77-71, Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday; 25, Okiabana (14-4, 1-2) last to Kansas State (11-7, 2-4) 87-77. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.

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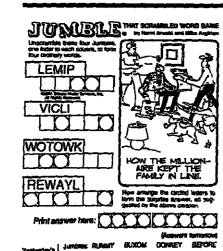
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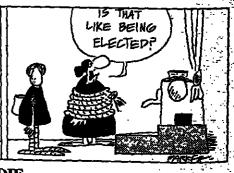


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CANTONA: Soccer 'Stain'

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ing unfortunately because he is a man of great talent. "Such behavior is not compatible with the example a high-level sportsman like Eric Cantona should set. Eric Cantona has only himself to blame."

FIFA, the international soccer federation, said in a statement: "We deplore such an action, especially considering that FIFA is carrying out a 'fair play' campaign and is trying to get fair play respected on the pitch."

Manchester United officials, while declining com-ment, said the club's directors would meet to decide whether Cantona should play in the team's FA Cup fourth-round match Saturday against second-division

"We are confident that Manchester United will meet their responsibilities," said the FA's Kelly.

Neither FIFA nor UEFA, the European soccer federation, will penalize Cantona unless sanctions are requested by England. where Cantona's career was resuscitated three years ago. Just last spring, the as the first foreigner to win

their player of the year award. The incident began three minutes into the second half of the match against Crystal Palace, when Cantona kicked out at opposing defender Richard Shaw. That resulted in a red card and ejection for Cantona, his fifth since joining United two seasons ago. Television pictures showed the 6-foot, 162-pound Cantona in his black visiting uniform, walking alongside the grandstand when he turned and lunged back at a ground-level fan who apparently had been shouting abuse at him from the front row of the stands.

Cantona chumsily launched a horizontal. two-footed kick, landing hard on a short fence as the spectator was knocked backward. Cantona, regaining his balance, began throw-ing punches. A short exchange ensued as officials, players and coaches arrived to pull Cantona away.

The police said two Crystal Palace fans gave statements alleging assault by Cantona and Ince. The FA planned no charges against Ince or other players, Kelly said. In what has been a scandalous season for

English soccer, the FA has responded cautiously to allegations of match-fixing, drug abuse and kick-backs. But Kelly appeared much more firm this time.

"I am left with a very upsetting and disturbing feeling, looking at the pictures in the morning papers, the young children around this incident — young girl and a boy in a Manchester United shirt," Kelly said. "These are terribly graphic pictures of the incident which brings shame on football, no doubt

As players are expected to swallow abuse from the fans who pay their salaries, the severity of Cantona's suspension may depend on the tone of his appeal. The last time he was in such a mess, while playing for the French team Nimes in 1991, he had thrown the ball at the referee, stomped off without the permission of a red card and attacked an opponent in the locker room. When members of that disciplinary committee asked for an explanation, he walked up to each one and called him an "idiot." His suspension was doubled to



English were lauding him Eric Cantona, heckled, went into the stands feet first.

By then he had already played for six French clubs. At Auxerre, his first club, he was fined for punching his team's goalkeeper and was suspended three months for a dangerous tackle. He made two tours there and also at Marseille, where even the latter's volatile owner, Bernard Tapie, couldn't abide the sight of Cantona throwing his jersey at his

two months, and he announced his retirement

coach during a charity match. In 1988, Cantona compared the French national team's coach, Henri Michel, to excrement; that resulted in a one-year suspension. In 1989, with Montpellier, after a distressing loss to Lille. he was suspended from two matches for hitting a teammate over the head with his play-Cantona's passions and imaginings have long been cheered by his fans and damned by

those authorized to tell him what to do. He is a painter, a poet, a motorcyclist philosopher in a French-Kerouac sort of way, but soccer people can only be so understanding. So it was in February 1992, when he joined Leeds, which went on to win its first English title in 18 years; a few months later its manager. Howard Wilkinson, was unloading his Cantona headache to United for a pittance of £1.2

"I was told I was taking a risk, but you gamble on every player," Manchester United's manager, Alex Ferguson, said shortly after taking on Cantona. "You may as well gamble on one who lifts people out of their

United, which hadn't won the English championship since 1967, jumped into con-tention for a third straight Premier League title last Sunday, when the Frenchman scored the game's lone goal to cut Blackburn's league lead to just two points.

Ferguson has been able to overlook Cantona's many fines and suspensions over the last two years - for spitting, for bookings, for accusing the referee of taking bribes — but he may not be allowed to exercise such understanding again.

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FRANKFURT - Lothar Matthäus, the veteran captain of the German national team. has ruptured his left Achilles' tendon and faces a possible end to his illustrious career. "It's shattering, but I am not giving up." the 33-year-old Matthaus, said after undergo-

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ing surgery Thursday in Munich.

He was injured in a practice match Wednesday evening with his club Bayern Mu-

"It's a hard blow for the German national team," said its coach, Berti Vogts. "I talked to him on the telephone, he was on the way to surgery and he was naturally feeling down.

Sampras, Sánchez Vicario and Pierce in Finals

Neither Woman Has Lost a Set

By Julie Cart

Lin Angeles Times Service MELBOURNE - Aranixa Sánchez Vicario and Mary Pierce slashed and burned their way to the women's final of the Australian Open, with neither having yet lost a set.

Sánchez Vicario ran off Marianne Werdel Witmeyer, 6-4, 6-1, in Thursday's semifinals and Pierce beat Conchita Martinez, 6-3, 6-1, to set up Saturday's final.

Werdel Witmeyer hit every ball hard and tried to place it in a corner. It was the tactic that had enabled her to upset fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini in the first round and propelled her through a favorable draw to her first Grand Slam semifinal.

Sánchez Vicario thrives. The Spaniard loves nothing so much as chasing down a sharply hit ball and hitting it back, often for a winner.

"There are a lot of players that run well," Werdel Wit-meyer said. "But very few run sive shot back.

And should she beat Pierce in the rankings,

She has shrugged off all op-ponents here as if they were no divebomb players and spectators. Pierce, however, will be the

into 43 unforced errors as Sánchez Vicario was all precision The match lasted 72 minutes.

all business afterward, not as much interested in dissecting what had just happened as in looking ahead to Pierce, whom she beat in the 1994 French

said. "First of all, I wanted to get into the final, because that's what I did last year, and now I'm here.

very well and it's going to be the second time we play each other in the final of a Grand Slam and it's going to be on a different surface. But I look to the match ith confidence

tle trouble beating the secondseeded Martinez. Pierce was treated for a problem with one shoulder and Martinez for a problem with the arch in her right foot, and neither played particularly well.

October 1993, and that victory, in Filderstadt, Germany, was her only title of that year. She acknowledged her play against

MELBOURNE - Pete Sampras, emo-

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Michael Chang was still kicking after his 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 semifinal loss.

Alpine Championships Called Off,

pine Championships and rescheduled only Winter Olympic gold-medalist and them for next year at this same resort.

"We could never imagine that this might have happened," said Jeronimo Paez, head of the local organizing committee, "We feel some relief in that it's "We did all we could to hold it, but

Reset for 1996 in Sierra Nevada

The Associated Press

SIERRA NEVADA, Spain - The In-

ternational Ski Federation, calling it a

once-in-a-lifetime snow drought, on Thursday called off the 1995 World Al-

just postponed and not canceled."

Gian Franco Kasper, the secretary

general of skiing's world governing body.

said the two-week event that was to open

Monday would be held here in February

"Having analyzed the present situa-tion and having studied in detail the

long-range forecast," he said, reading

from a statement, FIS officials "came to

the conclusion" that the championships

The decision had been expected for

several days, and followed long talks among the local organizers and FIS offi-

cials. A spell of warm weather in recent

days, with temperatures near 16 centi-

grade (60 Fahrenheit), ended any hope

"cannot be carried out."

It also is a tactic on which

well and can hurt you at the same time. A lot of players can get to the balls and hit a defensive shot back, whereas she gets to the ball and hits an aggres-

the final, Sánchez Vicario will replace Steffi Graf at the top of

more than the pesky flies that first seeded player she has faced. Werdel Witmeyer was forced

and no wasted motion on court. As ever, Sánchez Vicario was

Open final, 6-4, 6-4.
"I did what I had to do," she

"I think we're both playing

Pierce, seeded fourth, had lit-

"Well, I just didn't play," Martinez said. "I mean, I made so many mistakes. I think I wasn't ready, it was quite early to play a semifinal match. I did everything right. I wake up early and good breakfast, and blah, blah, blah, blah, I just don't know, I couldn't do my best."

Pierce hasn't won a title since Martinez was sub-par.
"I just think I'm human and

you can't play your best tennis all the time," Pierce said. "I'm happy with the way I'm playing, I think I'm playing well, but I can definitely play better."

tionally and physically drained, continued his rollercoaster ride through the Austra-lian Open on Thursday by beating Michael Chang to again advance to the final.

The defending champion overcame his fellow American, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, in 3 hours, 7 minutes.

The other men's semifinal, between No. 2 seed Andre Agassi and the unseeded Aaron Krickstein, was to be played Friday.

"People have to understand I'm nor-

mal," said Sampras, who, because of his seriously ill coach, Tim Gullikson, broke down and cried during his four-hour quarterfinal defeat of Jim Courier. "I have feelings like everyone," he said.

"I'm not a robot out there. I'm as normal as the guy across the street."

This tournament, he said, "is the most special to me, because of the circumstances and the fact I was down and out against Magnus Larsson and down and out against Courier and fought back. I showed more heart than I probably ever had," Sampras, who has been playing with and

against Chang since both were eight-yearsold, won this match with his willingness to come to the net in yet another test of will and endurance. He had been extended to five sets in his two previous matches. "I told him I wished it was four out of

seven instead three out of five," said Chang, who out-aced his taller opponent, 20-13. "I've out-aced him before on service winners, but then again, I'd rather trade

the match for the aces."

"He amazes me," said Sampras. "He's the only guy that if I hit it 20 feet over his head, he's going to try to run after it and go into the stands and try to get it back." He won 64 points at the net to just 15 for

"This court is probably the toughest court for my body," said the visibly tired winner. "It's very sticky. There's not a lot of give out there. I've got two days' rest, which is good. My body is a bit banged up."

Both were on serve in the fourth set before Sampras, hitting a hard forehand down the line, broke Chang in the fifth game and served out the match, winning when Chang's attempted backhand shot down the line went into the net.

Gullikson, 43, who had returned home to the Chicago suburb of Wheaton, was admitted Wednesday to the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center for brain and heart tests.

He has been diagnosed as having a congenital heart condition and had two minor strokes last year. A hospital spokesman said that Gullikson's family had requested that no more information be released about his condition.

Sampras said Gullikson was now back home and that "Tim is doing very good." "I spoke to him this morning, I just spoke to him after the match and he's in good spirits," he said.

Over the next couple of days he would be talking to Gullikson again.

"Pete has handled this past couple of weeks extremely well," Chang said. "He's been very good as far as being able to focus on his tennis and still be a very good. compassionate person at the same time.

"I think we've seen a different side of Pete Sampras that we definitely have not seen in the past."

Other Open Results

Men's Doubles, Semifinals

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def. Jacco Effingh and Poul Hoerhuls (1), Nether ands. 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 4-6, 7-5.

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Novolna, Czech Republic, and Aranho Sanchez Vicario (2),

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Stolle. Australia, and Mary Joe Fernandez (7), U.S. 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Team New Zealand Seeks to Have Nippon Yacht Banned

that the resort's more than 100 snow

machines could save the championships.

lose about \$11 million. Francisco Fernández Ochoa, Spain's

you can't beat nature," he said. "It

doesn't feel very good now, but it will make us come back and have even better

championships next year. I've never seen

Quick-changing weather across Europe has disrupted several World Cup

races this season. The Sierra Nevada

region has had its first snowless January

in at least 30 years and its lightest snow-

fall in more than 90 winters. Though it is

Europe's southernmost ski resort, it is

well known for producing snow abun-

of Spain's poorest regions, where about

\$1.2 billion in public and private funds

had been spent on the championships.

The decision will still be a blow to one

anything like this before."

Local businesses estimated they will

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SAN DIEGO - Team New Zealand has protested the legality of a remodeled Japanese yacht that won four of its six races during the first round of the America's Cup challenger trials. Team New Zealand contends that Nip-

pon Challenge altered the yacht so much that it should be considered a new boat, and that it violated rules limiting the number of yachts each syndicate can build.

'It's pretty astounding they would go do something like this at the conclusion of the first round robin." Nippon's sailing coach, Peter Gilmour, said Wednesday night. "If they had any suspicions, they should have brought them up at the earliest time."

Nippon is third among the challengers,

A Team New Zealand spokesman said

the protest "should not be seen as us getting at the Japanese. Their modification has highlighted a gray area in the rule, which needs to be cleared up."

Team New Zealand is protesting the modification made to the Nippon yacht registered as JPN-30. After a disappointing showing during the International America's Cup Class World Championship late last year, Nippon made major alterations to JPN-30 that included lengthening and narrowing the hull.

Under new America's Cup rules, each syndicate is allowed to build only two

behind Team New Zealand and the other yachts. JPN-30 is Nippon's first; the syndicate is expecting a second yacht, JPN-41. cate is expecting a second yacht, JPN-41, to arrive in February.

According to the Team New Zealand protest, the altered hull of JPN-30 constitutes an illegal third boat. "Nippon Yacht Club therefore is seek-

ing to gain the advantage of three new yachts ... which clearly is a violation of the two-boat rule," Team New Zealand said in a press release. The protest will be heard by an interna-

tional America's Cup jury. It was unclear when the protest would

be heard and what effect it would have on the racing. Both challenger and defender trials are to be resumed Sunday after a (AP, Reuters) week off.

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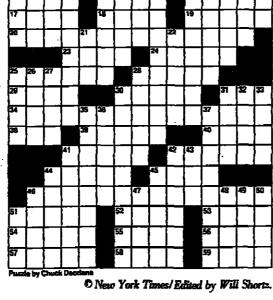
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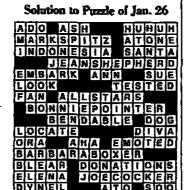
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Charles With a C?

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - Reading too much Dickens lately. Which reminds me of a Greenwich Village bookshop clerk. A young man. College age. I asked for a copy of "David Copper-

"Who's the author?" he asked. "Dickens," I said.
"What's his first name?" he asked. Recalling that exchange. l'il start over:

Reading too much CHARLES Dickens lately — First though, the dumb bookclerk story reminds me of a waiter story. It really happened during a lunch in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Four of us were lunching in Martinsburg, and I was playing the old crock. Saying something like, "It's amazing how little America's young crocks know of our ancient world. Take our

He was an alert young crock. College age. "I'll bet he doesn't even know who Joe DiMaggio All three scoffed and scoffed. "Not know who Joe DiMaggio is? Don't be silly."

When the waiter, alert and college age, came back to the table a scoffer asked if he knew who Joe DiMaggio was. His un-easy look said, "These old crocks are putting me on." but out loud he said, "Well, I think I've heard of him somewhere." "Know who he is?"

The waiter took his time, searched the memory file in the back of his skull, then said, "An actor or something, isn't he?" What can we take for granted anymore? You're going to say Newt Gingrich, everybody knows who he is. That's what

you think. Face the facts of modernity: College-age people never heard of Joe DiMaggio, never heard of Charles Dickens, are already forgetting they ever heard of Newt Gingrich, those who did.

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See why I say, "Reading TOO much CHARLES Dickens lately"? It's a confession to a terminal social condition: headed down the tubes.

You know - those few of you who don't fear the tubes as much as the alternative and so are still with me - you know how Dickens had this ability to put the exactly right name on his fictional characters.

There are Hancock & Flobby. the dry-goods people; Uriah Heep, the pious hypocrite; Sir Mulberry Hawk, the seducer of innocent girls: Ebenezer Scrooge, the soul of greed; Mis-ter Murdstone, the brutal stepfather, Mister Micawber, the eternal debtor, and on, and on.

Because of reading too much Dickens lately, I am amazed at how many real people are going around in Dickensian names. What's worse, I waste hours puzzling over what kinds of characters Dickens would have built for these names.

So I challenge all who hunger for literary fame to test their Dickens potential thusly:

Compose a list of 10 wellknown living people whose names would have caught Dickens's eye. Describe the character Dickens would have created for each name. If you feel cocky, fit all 10 into a single plot Dickens might have written, and send to me.

This column will publish the winner's very own name! Maybe part of his entry if it shows real Dickens know-how.

Need some Dickens-type names to get the feel of things? Here are a few to give you the idea: Ira Magaziner, Danielle Steele, Leon Panetta, Ollie North, George Pataki, Newt Gingrich, Si Newhouse, Mandy Patinkin, Bob Dole, Twyla Tharp, Arianna Huffington. Dan Quayle, Lance ito --Better to pick your own. The

world's full of them. New York Times Service

Tàpies: In Life and Art, Fleeing the World

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service B ARCELONA — The shuttered exterior of Antoni Tapies's home in Barcelona says a lot about the 71year-old Catalan painter.

"I live an isolated life," he said in the quiet of his sitting room, surrounded by Asian and African art and works by Picasso, Miró and Klee, "I like to stay home. Perhaps I spend more time than others painting.

Indeed, most mornings he can be found working in his studio, a glassroofed room lined with large canvases, many exhibiting familiar black crosses and powdered marble surfaces.

Then, during three months each summer, he retreats still further to a country home. "That's when I do the most work," he said. "I do nothing except meditate and paint, meditate and paint."

This single-mindedness certainly accounts for his huge body of work: 7,000 paintings and sculptures as well as thousands more drawings and engravings. Even now, he said, he usually completes a large painting — some are 19 feet by 10 feet (5.5 by 3 meters) - in a day, and at most in three days.

But the obsessional approach of this soft-spoken man with a mane of hair also helps to explain the introspective and intuitive nature of his abstract paintings and collages. In his work as in his life, it seems, Spain's best-known living artist likes to flee the world.

Through April 23, the Guggenheim Museum SoHo in New York City will show 56 of his paintings, dating from 1946 through 1991, in what it describes as the first large-scale exhibition of his works in the United States since 1977. A dozen more of his recent paintings are on display at PaceWildenstein's gallery in New York

through March 4.

How can just 56 paintings represent such a prolific lifetime's work, he was

asked. He laughed.
"You could pick 56 others and make
a very different show, but you have to have confidence in the curator," he said. "Some more literary, Surrealist and political works have been eliminated, but the selection is good."

The Guggenheim's exhibition has been organized by Carmen Gimenez. the museum's curator of 20th-century

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The New York Tures Antoni Tàpies is revered as a national monument in Spain.

art. She has included 42 of the 69 works that formed part of a Tapies

retrospective at the Jeu de Paume gallery in Paris, which drew 70.000 visitors during two months late last year. The Paris show was generally well received but, for some French critics, Tapies seemed to be more daring and

innovative 30 years ago than today.

"People are always trying to classify us so we pose less of a danger." he responded with no apparent venom. "I have always worked with the same spirit of experimentation and adventure as when I was 20 years old."

Yet over the decades his painting has changed, if only because Spain has changed, from a nation that was tearing itself apart in civil war when Tapies was a teenager to one that finally broke free from dictatorship when he was in his 50s. His art was never overtly politi-cal, but until 1975 he worked in a Spain trapped in the past.

His early years were difficult. He felt pulled in different directions by his mother's devout Roman Catholicism and his father's atheism. He was not a healthy youth, immobilized for more than a year by tuberculosis when

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family also felt humiliated by Franco, who banned the use of the Catalan

All this influenced his art. He quickly rejected figurative painting. With photography and cinema, we no longer need visual descriptions of

reality," he explained.

So he began experimenting with collages, using cartons, metal sheets, cloth, string and other materials that, he recalled, "I could tear at 10 give vent to my passions.

Already in 1946, the cross appeared in his paintings. "At the time, Spain was truly a cemetery," he explained. The presence of the cross was very intense and I used it as a symbol of primitive Christianity as well as to criticize what we called National Catholicism." In time, though, the cross and the letter X became a sort of Tàpies trademark.

His role models were still Miró, Klee and Picasso and he managed to meet all three. But after he held his first - barely noticed - show in New York in 1954 at the Martha Jackson Gallery, he was exposed to American Abstract Expressionism. And in Paris, he said, he came into contact with what was known as Lyrical Abstrac-

tion or Informalism. By 1962, when he held his first oneman show at the Guggenheim, Tapies had already gained recognition. In the years that followed, the Martha Jackson Gallery frequently exhibited his paintings, while he gained a loyal following in Germany and Switzerland. But it was not until after democracy returned to Spain that museums there organized shows of his works.

As a Catalan, though, it was no less important to him that democracy also restored Catalonia's right to its own language, and to this day Tapies supports the region's continuing fight for

greater autonomy.
"We run the risk of being absorbed by Spain," he said. "Catalonia is important for what it represents historically. It has been a model of a democratic and liberal nation."

In 1984, as his contribution to Barcelona's cultural renaissance, he created the Antoni Tapies Foundation and established a museum in a century-old building designed by the Modernista architect Lluis Domenech i Montaner. He donated 300 paintings to its permanent collection, but it also frequently exhibits works by other modern artists.

Today, Tapies is revered as a national monument in Spain, even though his horizons still stretch little beyond Catalonia, Indeed, until 1992 when a show of his work was put on in Seville, he had never visited Andalusia, a region central to Spain's identity.

Rather, it could be said he is more interested in traveling in his mind. He explained that he has long been drawn by science, by physics, biology and cosmology and, specifically, by the idea that the earth is a totally living organism. "It makes one change the way one looks at religious and mysti-

cal phenomena," he said.
This did not lead him back to Christianity. Instead, he found a spiritual home in Zen Buddhism, through which, he said, "without the need for the supernatural, man can reach ultimate reality through introspection."
And now, through his paintings, he struggles to achieve "the ultimate mysterious unity" that links the entire universe.

Onassis' Apartment Sold for \$9.5 Million

PEOPLE

The New York apartment of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has been sold to the billionaire David Koch for \$95 million. Women's Wear Daily reported that Koch paid \$500,000 extra for the 14-room Fifth Avenue apartment to preempt competitors. Onassis, who died in May, bought the apart-ment in 1964 for \$200,000. `**`**

Ernest Hemingway's three sons have won the right to approve and benefit from future sale of work that was unpublished when his fourth wife died in 1986. The writings were left to the Hemingway Foundation by Mary Hemingway. The sons John, Patrick and Gregory, by Hemingway's previous wives, sued the foundation when it claimed that it owned some of the overseas rights. The material includes excised chapters from "A Farewell to Arms" and a chronicle titled "The African Journal."

The author Taslima Nasrin was awarded a \$4,000 prize in Sweden on Thursday for her literary work. She received the 1995 Monismanien prize for her "invaluable contribution" to acknowledging the plight of repressed people, particularly women. Nasrin, who has taken refuge in Sweden, fled her native Bangladesh in August because her life was threatened by Muslim fundamentalists

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Cervinia	80 240	Good	Open			20+37 lifts open, good skiing
Cortina	25 35	Good	Open			35/40 tifts open, memy good
Courmayeur	50 130					12/23 lifts open. lower runs hea
Selva	35 80					All 78 life and Sells Ronda ape
Sestnère	50 100	Good	Open	Pokd	23/1	Good on well groomed runs
Morway					$\overline{}$	
Gello	75 80	Good	Open	Var	23/1	All 18 lifts good skiing
Spain				-	-	
Baquerra Beret	110 140	Good	Open	Pckd	18/1	All lifes and pistes open, good
Switzerland						
Arosa	80 130	Good	Open	Hvy	25/1	Alt 16 litts open, good sking
Crans Montane	100 300	Fair	Open	Hvy	24/1	14743 lifts, evelenche danger
Davos	90 155	Good	Open	Var	25/1	30/36 lifts open, good skiling
Gnndelwald	25 140	Far	Open	Hvy	24/1	All lifts open, kesh above 1700
Klosters	75 155	Good	Open	Pwar	25/1	All 29 kits open, good on firm bit
St.Moritz	70 135	Good	Open	Var	25/1	All lifts open, good skiing, wed
Verbrer	55 210	Fair	Open		24/1	
Wengen	30 100	Falt	Open	Hvy	25/1	15/22 lifts, lower stopes poor
Zermatt	75 28 5	Good	Ореп	Pwd	25/1	34/73 litte in Zermatt / Cervinte
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Aspen	105 110	Good	Open	Pckd	18/1	All 8 lifts open
Breckenridge	85 105	Good	Open	Pokel	18/1	16/17 Ms open
Mammoth	285 450	Ped	Open	Pwd	24/1	15/30 little open, superb skiling
Steamboot	125 145	Good	Open	Pckd	19/1	All 20 lifts open
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